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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE DISARMAMENT QUESTION.

#### Latest Developments in America.

Washington, February 10.  
Mr. Colby refused to give the Senate Foreign Committee any information regarding negotiations with Japan.  
A New York message says pro-disarmament circles are disappointed at the Senate Committee's action on Senator Borah's resolution. The *World* deplores the obstinacy of Congress in leaving over the matter to the new Administration, because it has long been apparent that the Great Powers will enter into any discussions in which the United States participates. The *Times* thinks the call for a Disarmament Conference should come from America, but since the Peace Treaty and the League have been rejected it is logical and prudent that America should continue preparations for war.

#### The Greatest Danger.

Washington, February 10.  
The Senate's Naval Report asserts that capital ships must remain the principal units of sea-power, adding that submarines and aircraft are still only auxiliary forces. It expresses a desire to secure a reduction of armaments, but says disarmament would be valueless unless general, and, in the case of the great maritime Powers, universal. It declares that the greatest imaginable danger to peace would be for one nation to expose itself to attack while another was preparing all its engines of war.

### LIQUOR ON SHIPS.

#### Strict Meaning of New American Ruling.

New York, February 10.  
The Customs authorities opine that the decision of the Department of Justice that no ship transporting liquor from one foreign port to another may call at an American port, will, if strictly carried out, prevent the entry of any passenger liner having a bar, even though its contents are sealed. Shipping circles considerably doubt whether the ruling will be strictly construed.

### U.S. COPPER MARKET.

#### Proposed Big Sale for Export.

New York, February 10.  
Plans are announced for financing the sale for export of 400,000,000 lbs. out of 600,000,000 lbs. of surplus copper in the American market. The product is pledged as security for \$40,000,000 eight per cent. notes of the Copper Export Association which will be offered for public sale by a banking syndicate.

### U.S. MARINES WRECK NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

New York, February 10.  
A message from Managua says thirty American marines wrecked the offices of the newspaper *Tribuna* on account of an article alleged to be insulting to marines.  
A Washington message says Rear Admiral Bryan is going to Managua to investigate the disturbance. So far, twenty marines have been arrested.

### NEW YORK CONTRACTOR SENTENCED.

New York, February 10.  
Robert Brindell, a prominent contractor, known as "the Bear of the Building Trades," who was recently convicted of extortion in connection with the construction of a new municipal building in New York, has been sentenced to imprisonment for a term of from five to ten years.

### U.S. STEEL CORPORATION PRICES UNCHANGED.

New York, February 11.  
The United States Steel Corporation has not made any further reduction in prices, opining that competitors will be unable to sell products profitably below the Corporation's price.

### MR. FORD'S DENIAL.

New York, February 10.  
Mr. Henry Ford, interviewed, denies that he ever sought a loan of any kind in Wall Street, as recently reported.

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTION.

#### Further Gains for General Smuts.

Capetown, February 11.  
The position of General Smuts has been further improved. With only ten results awaited, the South African Party has secured 72 seats, and Labour 9. The Nationalists have gained six seats. One Independent has been returned.  
[The "gains" here attributed to the Nationalists presumably refer to successes in particular constituencies—not to a net gain. All three parties have scored "gains."]  
General Smuts Success Exceeds all Expectations.  
Later.  
At midnight the South African Party had secured 76 seats (18 gains); Labour, unchanged; Nationalists, 41 seats (7 gains); independent, one. General Smuts is now assured of a majority of twenty, which is beyond all expectations, as ten is considered a good working majority. Parliament meets on the 4th of March.

### NORWEGIAN "CONCHIES."

#### Option of Longer Service on Public Works.

Christiania, February 11.  
Conscientious objectors, provided they be genuine, are to be accommodated with national service for military service for a period of 30 days. Any man who has served in the military service is to include a 30-day period of national service in his total service.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### INDIA'S NEW REGIME.

#### Duke of Connaught's Stirring Appeal.

London, February 10.  
At the inauguration of the new Council of State and Legislative Assembly at Delhi, the Duke of Connaught read a message from His Majesty the King, in the course of which he stated:—"For years, maybe for generations, patriotic and loyal Indians have dreamed of Home Rule for their Motherland. To-day they have the beginnings of Home Rule within the Empire and the widest scope and ample opportunity for progress to the liberty enjoyed by the other Dominions." The message dwelt on the new Council's very special responsibility to the world of the wisdom of the great constitutional change.

In a subsequent speech, the Duke of Connaught made a striking personal appeal, which produced a scene of great emotion. He said since his landing he had felt around him bitterness and estrangement between those who had been and should be friends. The shadow of Amritsar had lengthened over the fair face of India. He expressed His Majesty's deep concern and his own intense feeling at the terrible chapter of events in the Punjab and as an old friend of India movingly appealed to the British and Indians to let the dead past bury its dead, to forgive where necessary and to co-operate to realise new-born hopes.

### BRITISH NORTH BORNEO'S ADMINISTRATION.

#### Sir West Ridgeway Replies to "Well-Meaning Zealots".

London, February 10.  
Sir West Ridgeway, President of the British North Borneo Chartered Company, in a letter to the *Times* referring to the charges of the Anti-Slavery Aborigines Protection Society against the Administration in North Borneo which have been officially investigated, declared they were unfounded. He strongly advises the Society's Committee to exercise some supervision and restraint over well-meaning zealots, who, obsessed by the delusion that every British employer of native labour is a tyrant and every Government official in countries inhabited by native races necessarily a liar, drag the Society into false and compromising situations. He instances the recent attacks on the Administration in East Africa, West Africa, South Africa and now North Borneo, which are as unjustified as cruel. He was advised by eminent counsel that the recent attacks on the Chartered Company were actionable.

### THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

#### Views of New Zealand Delegate.

London, February 11.  
Sir John Findlay, who represented New Zealand at the Imperial Conference of 1911 and is now in London, in an article in the *Press*, says that New Zealand and Australia, while appreciating Japan's assistance in the war, have resolved to remain white man's countries. They have prepared plans for a big scheme, firstly of Imperial, secondly of European immigration, barring Germans and Russians. The scheme will presently be launched. They object emphatically to the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, which is not justified since the Russian and German menaces have been removed and America is ready to make common cause in the event of a Japanese peril. The question, says Sir John Findlay, must be properly threshed out at the coming Imperial Conference.

### TRIBUTE TO MR. ALFRED SZE.

London, February 10.  
A correspondent of the *Times* who says he had peculiar opportunities of knowing the facts pays a tribute to the work of Mr. Alfred Sze in promoting the best possible Anglo-Chinese relations and praises his tact and skill and his courteous and perfectly frank diplomacy.

### AMATEUR WIRELESS RECORD.

London, February 11.  
What probably constitutes a record for amateur wireless in Great Britain is reported by Mr. Kenneth Holo of Plymouth, who, in a letter to the periodical the *Wireless World* states that he successfully received wireless messages from Bandoeng nightly for a week.

### LATE LORD MAYOR OF CORK'S SISTER.

#### Prohibited From Speaking in Nebraska.

Lincoln (Neb.), February 11.  
The Lower House has refused to allow Miss MacSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, to speak on Irish questions, declaring that her mission is of no importance to the people of Nebraska.

### TURKISH NATIONALIST RECALCITRANCY.

#### Town Capitulates to French Troops.

Paris, February 11.  
A Beirut telegram states that after nearly a year's siege by French troops in consequence of the recalcitrancy of the Turkish Nationalist authorities thereof, the town of Aintab capitulated yesterday.

### FRENCH POLITICS.

Paris, February 11.  
It is officially announced that the corrected figures of the vote of confidence in the Government were 363 to 114. There were 100 abstentions.  
M. Briand, in a speech winding up a protracted debate, admitted the importance of the sacrifices to which France had consented, but said a different policy would have exposed France to isolation.

### MR. HARDING BACK TO WORK.

St. Augustine, (Fla.) February 11.  
Mr. Harding has returned to his duties after three weeks' holiday. He is expected to leave for Washington on the 12th.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### PRESENTATION TO FRENCH HEROES.

#### Bequest by an Alsatian.

Paris, February 11.  
An impressive ceremony took place at St. Germain, near Paris, when M. Millerand presented to each of five soldiers, who for conspicuous bravery had been awarded during the war the Cross of the Legion of Honour and the Military Medal, a bond of French Rente from a legacy by a patriotic-minded Alsatian. M. Millerand, in a speech, extolled the heroism of the French Army.

### GERMAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST REPARATION DECISION.

#### French Press on Allied Unity.

Paris, February 11.  
The papers, noting the violent campaign of protests and abuse started in Germany against decision reached at the Paris Conference, point out its futility, stating that the Allies are firmly resolved not to allow themselves to be divided or led astray by a fresh display of German vindictiveness and bad faith.

### HIGH HONOURS FOR INDO-CHINESE OFFICIALS.

#### Recognition of Natives.

Paris, February 11.  
To-day's nominations to higher ranks of the Legion d'Honneur include the names of several native officials of French Indo-China in recognition of long and distinguished services and unshakable loyalty to France.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

### A NEW CHRONICLE.

#### The Tribulations of Poo-see-phoot.

And it came to pass that in the twelfth moon of the year there was much murmuring of tongues and behold the mighty hosts of Poo-see-phoot, leader of the Bone-Dryers, went up and fought against the armies of So-Kur, King of the Boo-Surs.

And every day within and without the walls of every dwelling place in the land of So-Kur did the battle rage, yea, from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

And, behold, the whole world did watch the fray from afar off, saying, Verily, before long the swift messengers of Roy-Tur shall bring the tidings that all may know to which side hath been given the victory. Then shall all men know also to whom hath been given the greater share of wisdom.

For be it known that the armies of the Bone-Dryers and of the So-Kurs were in the beginning one at heart, and in unity had they together worshipped the great god Bar-ley Korn, the sacred idol of the Roy-Sturers, and upon his altar had they sacrificed the wives and children of their generation.

But behold, at the coming of one Poo-see-phoot, a Chevingum-see, he that also for a sign rideth on the water cart, they had split up into camps and under three hosts were they now divided. And there was much hot air in land.

For many moons had the followers of Poo-see-phoot boasted after this manner, saying, Verily, by the twelfth moon we shall fall upon those swillers of strong waters and wash them out. Upon the priests of Bar-ley Korn shall we wreak our vengeance. They shall be scattered as chaff before the wind and their name shall be mud, yea, we shall not as much leave them a house wherein to dwell. These things shall we do unto them that the fame of Poo-see-phoot may be made known throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Now the followers of So-Kur, King of the Boo-Surs, were wont to worship Bar-ley Korn without ceasing. They were men of few words, and not until such time as they had worshipped at his shrine were they given to the much murmuring of tongues. But in their hearts they were full of wrath.

these things which the men of Poo-see-phoot had spoken, yea, in divers places they got the wind up.

And with steadfast zeal and with much gold and silver and copious libations to their god did they gather their followers together, amongst whom be it said there were many who did not worship openly but did so in the privacy of their closet.

Now many of these men, being in high places, cared not to show themselves before the war-like hosts even as Poo-see-phoot did, but did content themselves saying, We should worry. Wait until the day of the big fight, then shall we deal this Poo-see-phoot a stinger, such a "No Change" cross shall he be crucified.

For be it known unto all men, the warring hosts fought not with sword and shield, nor with staff and spear did they strive. For it was with the ballot box that they did contend one with another. And no man knew which side his neighbour was for, excepting those whose features were ruddy and who spoke loudly in public places and peradventure this Poo-see-phoot should take away the liberty of the subject.

And in every corner of the land did the battle rage and in due season were the streets of every city thronged with those who would make use of the ballot that they might fight and make known their desires.

In every form of chariot did they travel and unto those men who wore ribbons on their robes did the people cry after this manner saying, How goeth the battle laddie?

And those who were Poo-see-phooters replied saying, It goeth well with us. But a sadness in their faces belied their words. And those who were in the pay of the priests replied saying, It goeth well with us. And of a truth were their faces wreathed in smiles.

And many were the people who went to poll one with another. Men of grave looks adorned with square black headgear, such men loving the "blessings" in strict moderation. Mothers there were who with many children found that a "wee" sensation worketh wonders at times. Men there were also of genial aspect who went up against Poo-see-phoot with a smile on their lips and with a "wee" sensation in their hearts.

On their return they did wink upon their consciences and the warring hosts of Poo-see-phoot and the So-Kurs did not know of it.

## CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN.

### Shortly Due in Hongkong.

We learn that His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan will shortly pay a visit to Hongkong.  
He is leaving Tokyo on or about the February 25th on a visit to England, and will call here en route.

## DEATH OF BARON KONDO.

### President of the N.Y.K.

The local office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha informs us that a cablegram has been received from Tokyo conveying the sad news that Baron Kempo Kondo, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, died on the 9th instant, and that the funeral is to take place on the 13th instant.

The late Baron Kondo, who was born in 1850, was created a Baron in 1911. He had long been associated with shipping, having served under the late Iwasaki, whose relative by marriage he subsequently became. He was appointed a Director of the N.Y.K. on its creation, was elected Vice President at the time of the Japan-China War and finally became its President. He was awarded the 2nd Class Order of the Rising Sun in recognition of his services in transport work during the Russo-Japanese War, and was an M.P. but had lately kept aloof from politics.

### TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2s. 5½d.

### THE WEATHER.

2 p.m. Barometer—30.04, Temperature—65. Humidity—65.

### LIGHTING-UP TIME.

Lighting-up time to-day is 6.17 p.m.

### DON'T FORGET.

#### To-day.

Automobile Association.—Annual meeting at Jardine, Matheson's—5.15 p.m.  
Theatre Royal.—J. C. Williamson's Vaudeville Co.—9.15 p.m.  
Coronet Theatre.—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.  
Hongkong Theatre.—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

#### To-morrow.

Coronet Theatre.—2.15, 5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.  
Hongkong Theatre.—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

And those who had returned to the land of their fathers from the Great War were exceeding wroth against Poo-see-phoot and they that did ride on the water wagon. And they cursed those men who flaunted blue ribbons in their faces and did go into the conflict with grim steadfastness saying, We will make this country safe for the publican.

And at the waning of the twelfth moon the battle had but almost ceased and swift messengers carried the news throughout the land that all might know the result thereof. In the cities and in the marketplaces there was much searching of heart and many of little faith fearing the issue would fall have had a stock in before the Bone-Dryers passed over the land.

But it came to pass that the god Bar-ley Korn was proclaimed the victor and Poo-see-phoot leader of the aque-quaffers was laid low. And many rejoiced and were exceeding glad.

And I, Mak Whur-Tur, son of Ah Guan, also made merry for at one time I was afraid for my heart lest the land of So-Kur might become an aque-quaffer, which would bring three times as much trouble to the So-Kurs and the Bone-Dryers as it would to the Poo-see-phooters.



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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

## IRELAND AND THE RAILWAY MEN.

London, Feb. 10.

Replying to a letter from Mr. Bromley, Secretary of the Locomotive Engineers, threatening a railway strike on 16th February unless the Government grants an enquiry into the recent shooting of Irish railwaymen at Mallow, Mr. Lloyd George says he is requesting information from Ireland but declares that no threat of national strike can be permitted to influence the administration of the law. The Government will consider the question purely on its merits, without reference to improper threats.

## THE AMERICAN NAVY.

Washington, Feb. 10.

A report of the Senate Naval Committee advocates that the American Navy should be at least equal to that of any other Power. The Committee is opposed to any interruption whatever in the building programme. It also urged the construction of two large naval aircraft carriers.

## BRAZILIAN AMENITIES.

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 10.

Two bombs exploded at the entrance to the Ministry of the Interior and outside the Bourse. Considerable damage was done.

## CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. 2nd. v. K.C.C. 2nd.

These teams met at Kowloon on Wednesday, H.K.C.C. second string winning by 52 runs.

H.K.C.C. 2nd.

Capt. Spinks, 1 b.w., Silkstone	5
E. S. Airey, c and b Gorvin	21
J. S. Jennings, 1 b.w., Gorvin	3
W. J. Hope, b Gorvin	61
J. H. W. Dorkins, b Silkstone	1
R. S. Madden, b Lobel	8
J. Logan, b Stapleton	4
P. Jacks, run out	19
R. K. Valentine, b Stapleton	6
J. Binston, b Gorvin	9
H. H. Taylor, b Gorvin	7
J. W. Sewell, not out	0
Extras	22

Total 106

Bowling analysis.—

Gorvin	19.5	1	80	5
Silkstone	8	1	20	2
Lobel	3	—	17	1
Stapleton	7	—	26	2
E. S. Spinks	1	—	1	—

K.C.C. 2nd.

W. T. Elson, b Capt. Spinks	2
E. S. Spinks, b Hope	5
W. Alderson, c Sewell, b Hope	2
A. W. Muir, c Airey, b Capt. Spinks	0
C. I. Stapleton, b Hope	39
A. O. Brown, c and b Hope	2
F. G. Herdridge, b Hope	7
L. S. Bates, b Taylor	9
P. Lobel, b Taylor	4
A. E. Silkstone, b Hope	7
R. L. Beecham, b Madden	28
W. F. J. Gorvin, not out	1
Extras	5

Total 114

Bowling analysis.—

W. J. Hope	20	10	19	6
Capt. Spinks	11	2	38	2
H. H. Taylor	6	—	41	2
C. S. Madden	2.2	—	11	1

K.C.C. v. NG SZE-KWONG'S TEAM.

K.C.C. were guests at C.R.C. on Chinese New Year's day of a team captained by Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, and drawn mainly from the Chinese and Indian Clubs. The "Orientals" avenged their poor showing at Kowloon at Christmas by winning by an innings and fifteen runs. A. H. Rumjahn made a century for them, hitting twelve fours in his 100 not out. He gave a chance at 70. Un-Hew-fan got eight fours and Omar five fours and a six (off Evans). Stalker bowled very well and at one time had five wickets for 24, finishing with 8 for 71. Kowloon made 134 to Ng Sze-kwong's aggregation of 263. Evans getting top score with 35, including six fours. They had to follow on and were all dismissed for 114, the "Oriental" bowling being very consistent. The scores follow:

Ng Sze-kwong's Team.

S. H. Ismail, c Goodall, b Stalker	8
C. Choa, b Stalker	14
Ng Sze-kwong, b Stalker	26
A. H. Rumjahn, not out	100
A. A. Rumjahn, c Overy, b Stalker	2
S. Jex, c Braga b Stalker	1
Un-Hew-fan, c Gorvin b Spinks	62
G. Lee, b Spinks	3

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On Feb. 7th Capt. N. Imamura, commanding H.I.J.M.S. Nishiki, called at Government House and was received by H. E. the Governor. Later H. E. the Governor's Aide-de-Camp returned the call.

On Feb. 10th, H. E. the Governor gave a luncheon party. The guests present were: Capt. N. Imamura, I.N.S.; Commodore and Mrs. Bowden Smith; Capt. E. R. G. R. Evans, R.N., C.B., D.S.O.; Mrs. Stephen; Commander Turner, R.N., D.S.O.; Mrs. Berwers.

J. Wong, b Stalker	3
U. Omar, b Stalker	41
H. Ching, c Evans b Stalker	0
Extras	13

Total 263

Bowling analysis.—

Stalker	23.2	2	71	8
Spinks	19	1	90	2
Overy	5	—	22	—
Haslett	5	—	24	—
Gorvin	3	—	12	—
Braga	6	—	16	—
Evans	3	—	15	—

K.C.C.—1st Innings.

C. I. Stapleton, run out	18
D. M. Goodall, st. Jex b A. A. Rumjahn	20
E. L. Braga, c Ching b A. A. Rumjahn	11
A. O. Brown, c Ismail, b A. A. Rumjahn	19
Capt. Spinks, b Ching	8
J. Stalker, c Un-Hew-fan b Ching	1
J. P. Robinson, run out	11
B. D. Evans, b Omar	35
H. Overy, c Un b Ismail	5
W. B. Haslett, b Ismail	0
W. J. T. Gorvin, not out	6
Extras	0

Total 134

Bowling analysis.—

Omar	6.5	—	29	1
Ng Sze-kwong	3	—	15	—
A. A. Rumjahn	13	—	39	3
Ching	7	—	31	2
Ismail	4	2	14	2

K.C.C.—2nd Innings.

H. Overy, b Omar	2
E. L. Braga, c Lee, b Ching	6
D. M. Goodall, c Lee, b Ching	1
Capt. Spinks, b Ching	0
C. I. Stapleton, not out	49
J. P. Robinson, b Ching	2
A. O. Brown, b Omar	4
W. B. Haslett, c Ng, b A. A. Rumjahn	2
Un-Hew-fan, b Ching	2
J. Stalker, b Ching	16
B. D. Evans, c Omar, b Ng	17
Extras	5

Total 114

Bowling analysis.—

Omar	10	2	24	2
Ching	15	4	38	6
A. A. Rumjahn	3	—	36	1
Ng Sze Kwong	2	—	11	1

K.C.C. v. Civil Service.

The undermentioned will represent Civil Service C.C. against the Hongkong C.C. on C.S.C.C. ground on Saturday next, 12th February:

C. R. Sayer (Capt.), R. E. O. Bird, E. W. Hamilton, H. E. Strang, E. B. Reed, C. Severn, W. H. Edmonds, F. J. Ling, R. C. Wicheell, F. J. de Rome, H. F. Egan.

## BRITAIN'S BREATH OF LIFE.

## The Importance of Overseas Trade.

"To some countries an overseas may be a superfluity or a luxury; to this country it is the very breath of life." This was the text of the address delivered by Mr. F. G. Kellaway, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, in opening the extensive and admirably arranged Foreign Samples Exhibition established by his Department at Old Bailey, London, for the purpose of putting before home manufacturers and exporters information and evidence making for more efficient competition with foreign rivals in the world's trade. Mr. Kellaway, speaking to a large gathering of business men, said that he was satisfied that the recovery of our overseas trade was the most important problem facing the country today. For unless we could recapture and extend the position which we held previous to the war in the overseas markets the outlook for this country was grave. It was true the experience of British industry since the war had given us every reason for being hopeful. Our industries had made a remarkable recovery from the complete dislocation during the war, and for two years the trouble with British manufacturers had not been to find buyers but to choose among them. That phase, however, had now unfortunately passed away. The difficulty now was in finding buyers. Buyers throughout the world were holding off because they were hoping for a break in prices. Pointing to the benefits which had been reaped by those manufacturers who had taken the Government's advice on previous occasions in regard to setting aside a certain proportion of output for their overseas market, Mr. Kellaway expressed the hope that the manufacturers who up till now had not engaged in the export trade would take advantage of the opportunity which the present full afforded of making arrangements for perfecting their organisations for getting into the overseas markets as soon as the buying power of these countries was renewed. His Department had a world-wide organisation, ready to be used in the interests of British industry and commerce, and that unique exhibition was one of the means by which they were inducing the British manufacturer to create a new hold on overseas markets.

## CHINESE FLOUR.

## Questions in Parliament.

In the House of Commons recently, Mr. Waterson asked the Food Controller whether he could state the amount of Chinese flour in this country, and also the amount due to arrive; if the Scottish Association of Master Bakers in a letter to the Ministry on 27th October last declared that this class of flour had been tested, and a microscopic examination of the starch cells showed that the flour was made from unsound wheat; in view of this declaration, was he prepared to consider professional millers' opinion on such matters as affected the staple food of the country; and, if not, what methods was he prepared to adopt to safeguard the health of the community.

The food controller replied that the quantity of Chinese flour held to the account of the Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies in this country was 36,600 tons and a further quantity of 48,400 tons was due to arrive. In accordance with the regular practice of the Wheat Commission, this flour was subjected on arrival to expert examination, and the results were satisfactory. It was true that an insignificant quantity arrived in damaged condition, but no part of that quantity had been allocated for use for human consumption.

Mr. Waterson asked the right hon. gentleman whether he was aware that this flour was condemned by every miller in the country.

The food controller—No, I am not.

## MUNIFICENCE OF JAPANESE MILLIONAIRE WIDOW.

It is reported that Mrs. Saka Taneko, the widow of a millionaire in Nagoya, has decided to give the whole of her property, amounting to over ¥10,000,000, for the promotion of social and public undertakings.

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## WORLD WIDE SPORT.

Dick Smith is on the track of Carpentier for another match with the French champion. Smith is prepared to put up a side stake provided Carpentier will fight him at catch-weights instead of binding him to make 12st 7lb., as was the case in their previous fight in Paris.

Tommy Burns says he has made a new heavy-weight discovery. Tiny Samson he has called the boy, who was born in South Tottenham in March 1907. A young giant he is of 15 st. 9 lb. stripped, and he is 6 ft. 4 in. in his stockings. There is every chance, Burns thinks, that he will turn out to be a good boxer.

Carpentier, interviewed on his arrival in France, said his relations with Dempsey during his visit to America had been very friendly, and after the contract for their match had been signed they played golf together. Carpentier said that his last match had brought him in 970,000 francs, and he intended subscribing 850,000 to the French Loan.

"Twenty American amateurs are certain to visit England next year," said Harry Vardon in the course of an interview at Liverpool "and our Amateur Championship will assuredly go to the States. American amateurs and professionals go into strict training for their competitions. They are very thorough in their methods, and naturally success follows."

Well-informed boxing circles in New York have recently been discussing the possibility of staging the Dempsey-Carpentier fight in England, in the event of a suitable place being available. It is known that Dempsey's former antipathy to going outside the States has been virtually overcome. It is also admitted that Mr. Cochran is tentatively negotiating to obtain a site in London if American plans are frustrated.

## WORLD WIDE SPORT.

At Manchester City ground recently the band played "I Wouldn't Leave My Little Wooden Hut for You" and "Home, Sweet Home." Manchester United were the opposition, and the irony of it was that after the fire at the City ground the United offered the use of their field, but on terms that made the City decide to decline with thanks. A new uncovered stand has already been erected.

It has been resolved by the Ladies' Golf Union that players with handicaps of four or under must return one score on three separate courses before a further reduction in handicap is effected, and that no player other than the Open Champion shall be put on the scratch mark unless within the previous 12 months she has returned one score on three separate courses, each of which equals or beats the scratch score, which must not be lower than 75.

At the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association on December 13 a proposal was submitted that power be given to the International Lawn Tennis Federation to maintain and modify the laws of the game subject to being in the English language, and no alteration being made except at the annual meeting of the Federation. It is the desire of the L.T.A. that in such a big international game uniform laws should be adopted by all countries.

Vardon, in an interview stated that the Americans had progressed enormously in their golf since he was last in the country. Their enthusiasm was unbounded, and golf courses were springing up everywhere. The character of the courses, too, had greatly improved. The Americans were intent upon securing a greater share of the world's golfing honours, and the day was probably not far distant when they would have to be more seriously reckoned with in international contests.



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STEEL PROSPECTS IN  
THE U.S.Corporation and Independent  
Views.

A report from Pittsburgh, discussing steel conditions at the close of the year, remarks that naturally the close approach of the year-end has not brought an improvement in the demand for pig iron and steel products. The market is always dull in December. While the best test of trade prospects is the course of buying, there are some other indications. One subsidiary of the Steel Corporation has canvassed its customers in certain of its products as to their probable requirements in 1921, and the total of the estimates is considerably larger than the tonnages received during the past year.

Another index is found in a canvass made by an independent, covering its jobbing customers, as to what shipments they desired in a certain product. The uniform policy of these jobbers was to round out their stocks, supply sizes in which they were deficient, but not to increase the total of stock.

Scrap dealers are keen observers of the situation. At the present time the dealers are putting scrap into yard rather sparingly, and apparently think they will have several months in which to accumulate supplies against the next upturn. Scrap appears to have declined as far as it is likely to go, so that the dealers are hardly waiting for lower prices.

## THE INDEPENDENTS' PROSPECTS.

The prospects are that the Steel Corporation will continue to operate at substantially its present rate, which is above 90 per cent., while the independents, now operating at 30 or 35 per cent., will soon be almost wholly idle, say, within two or three weeks. Just after the turn of the year there may be a slight improvement in independent operations, but the prospect is for almost complete idleness for the independents until the general buying movement in steel occurs. That may be in April, and it may not be before autumn.

An important point in steel market history has been reached, the point of the independent order books playing out and of the independents dropping their prices to the Steel Corporation level, after a flight lasting approximately a twelvemonth. There were various predictions as to what would occur. Some independent steel producers held that they would not have to reduce their prices to the Steel Corporation level until business got so bad that the Steel Corporation itself would have to reduce prices, on account of tightness of orders. That view has already proved erroneous.

The independents display not the slightest desire to deprive the Steel Corporation of any of its business, and customers of the Steel Corporation show every evidence that they are going to "stick," whether from gratitude for past service or through expectation that another flight of independent prices with the Steel Corporation holding steady may come again.

## SLACK TIME POLICIES.

It is now a subject for debate in steel circles whether a new alignment has permanently been established as to the respective character of business done by the Steel Corporation and independents. Formerly they did substantially the same kind of business. The smaller mills usually made a practice of closing in poor times and in good times keeping their order books clear of long-term contracts so that they could secure delivery premiums upon occasion. Thus they struck a fair average in the matter of profits. Now it looks as though all the independents would have to pursue the course formerly followed only by the smaller mills. Particularly in the second and third quarters of this year the independents made larger profits per ton than the Steel Corporation. For a time they will have scarcely any profits, while the corporation earnings will be anything but larger than formerly. The question is whether this is only an incident or is typical of a new order of things. Some observers have become convinced that the independents will follow the same course the next time opportunity is presented.

Practically no one doubts that there is going to be "shading by independents." There are some reports of that already, but thus far it appears that no real shading of consequence has occurred. Some Western mills have made prices that are nominally "cut prices," the delivered price being less than the recognized Pittsburgh price plus rail freight from Pittsburgh to destination, but such selling is more properly to be considered as simply an ignoring of the "Pittsburgh basing."

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## NEWS AND VIEWS.

I would far rather be a dirty Tennyson than a clean Tennant.—Mr. Gilbert Frankau in an open letter to Mrs. Asquith.

I would sooner peruse an expurgated edition of Decameron than the diary of Mrs. Asquith.—Judge Atherley Jones.

The Portuguese Parliament has voted a resolution that the bodies of two unknown soldiers shall be brought to Portugal and buried in the Belem Pantheon.

The trade and commerce of the world, in spite of idealists, will gravitate to the groups of men in any country who are able to produce cheaper and better than others.—Lord Leverhulme.

A Danish subject who has just returned from Russia says that people there occasionally make a little money by selling such relics of former prosperity as a pair of trousers or boots, for which sums ranging from 75,000 to 125,000 roubles may be obtained.

The moving picture has made its way into the elementary school system of New York, not as a sporadic and occasional lecture auxiliary, but as part of the regular curriculum, and biology, geography, and other subjects will be taught through use of the screen.

The ex-German raider Mow, which so daringly harassed trade routes during the war, and evaded all attempts at capture, is due to reach Liverpool on Monday from Jamaica with a cargo of bananas. It is a strange turn that transforms the former destroyer of fruit vessels to a carrier of fruit.

The remains of Highland Mary, immortalised in the works of the national poet, have been removed from the Old West Kirk burying-ground, and will be re-interred in Greenock Cemetery. The Old West Kirk burying-ground and venerable edifice are in the area which has been acquired by the shipbuilding firm of Messrs Harland and Wolff for the extension of their business.

Mr "Pussyfoot" Johnson expressed the opinion to me (says the London correspondent of the Glasgow Herald) that Glasgow should be the first place in Scotland to go "dry." He would have liked that the whole campaign had been concentrated on Glasgow, this year, and that the voting had not been decentralised by the contests having been limited to ward divisions. He is practically convinced that Glasgow is ready to go "dry."

Mr. Johnson, however, is not so sure about the other Scottish cities. He was more impressed with his reception at Dundee than that he met with in Aberdeen and Edinburgh. Now where did he find the local temperance leaders more optimistic than at Inverness, and accordingly the figures for the Highland capital gave him at least one surprise. "He concludes," that there has been too much platform oratory in the whole Scottish campaign, and that less lecturing would have been more effective. His own record in Scotland was 23 speeches.

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A NIGHT AT THE  
NATIONAL

It is all a matter of mood how a man will choose to spend the evening. No one supposes that the same mood will take a man indifferently to the Opera or a Charlie Chaplin film, and no man tosses a coin at the dinner table and says, "Heads I go to see Galsworthy's new play and tails I go to see a boxing match."

The mood for an evening of boxing at the headquarters of the sport comes, I find—and personal experience is the only thing worth setting down—with rude health and well-being, and the glow of the open air, states Mr. Edgar Rowan in the *Daily Chronicle*. Give me a man who has been tramping the stubble all day, or riding across country or doing any one of those pleasant things of the open fields that make you remember your red blood and forget your liver; dine him on plain English fare—he should certainly drink good beer, or, if a wine, only a sound Burgundy, with it—and as he lights his cigar afterwards say, "Shall we go to the boxing to-night?" I think you've got him.

For the man who would know and enjoy his modern London an occasional evening at the National Sporting Club is not so much a luxury as a necessity.

## FAMOUS SPECTATORS.

You realise that you are a guest at a private function. You pass either through a smoking lounge or a dining room to reach the ring-side, and if you come with thrill of novelty hurrying your feet you are astounded to see members sitting calmly at a chop, or sipping their coffee, although the first combatants are actually stripped and within the ropes just beyond the door.

Bomb the ring-side seats on any important Monday night, and you would wipe out half the best known men in the country—peers, merchant-princes, actors, novelists, politicians, generals, admirals, and the like. If you have gone there with ideas of boxing taken solely from "Rodney Stone," and the stories of pugilism of a bygone day, these rows of well-groomed men in evening dress, quietly expectant as if it were a Melba night at the Opera, are curiously disappointing. Even in these days of padded gloves there is a grimness about a well-matched bout, a sudden glimpse of the elemental fighting spirit that is generally kept hidden, and these snowy shirt-fronts are like strapped reavers from another and softer world.

PRELIMINARIES OF THE  
FIGHT.

I remember the same sense of the incongruous only once before. We had been called from dinner on a liner to see some big icebergs, and stood on deck in the vast solitudes of North Atlantic, in the evening kit of modern civilisation, the ladies with wraps thrown hastily over dainty shoulders, watching these visitors from the ancient fastnesses of the Pole drift past in the silent gloom.

My neighbour nudged me. The big event of the night was about to begin. The principals were seated in their corners wrapped in dressing gowns and hemmed in by their attendants, while there was much much business of adjusting knuckle bandages and tying on gloves. Buckets of water, bottles, sponges, towels and all the equipment of a fighter's corner are placed ready. I find myself curiously thrilled by the grimness of these preparations. Are yet the fight has stated—there come back to me passages from Battalion Orders, about stretcher-bearers and dressing stations, before we go over, and I see the doctor checking his bandages and making sure that the morphia is handy.

"Seconds out!" A gong clangs into my dreams. It had just come to me that this very club was formerly Evan's, the famous supper and singing room, and for a moment I was recalling a famous chapter in "The Newcomes." I might have wandered further back among the ghosts of the past, but the two men spring to their feet, their seconds leap through the ropes and to the ground, whipping the stools out of the ring in the same motion; there is a swift handshake in the centre of the 20 foot arena as of acquaintances meeting hurriedly in the street, and the clash has joined.

## THE OPENING ROUND.

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## BRITISH HELIGOLANDERS.

Appeal of 48 Lonely Exiles in  
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An appeal to the British nation signed by 48 inhabitants of Heligoland says that the rights accorded to them under the Anglo-German Agreement of 1890 have been abolished by the German authorities.

"The Prussian Government asserts that by International Law all treaties between belligerents were terminated by the late war," proceeds the statement.

Among the rights to be preserved to Great Britain under the agreement was the maintenance of a Lloyd's station on the island, the right of British fishermen to anchorage, shelter, water, provisions, and landing and drying of nets.

"We are a small community, speaking our own language and living our own lives on our lonely island in the North Sea," concludes the appeal. It might be claimed by us that if the agreement is declared void we revert to Great Britain. But if this is no longer possible we appeal to Great Britain to support our just claims to the rights she guaranteed to us at the time of our cession to Germany."

physical exertions in this atmosphere—and if you are sitting at any distance you see the white bodies through a blue-grey haze, springing, thrusting, now breaking into what appears to be a few steps of a grotesque dance, now poised rigidly, and now locked in a clinch. It is the first round, an affair of patrols, each feeling for the other's position and strength.

The bell clangs at last—three minutes can be variously a flash or a lifetime—and the men spring to their corners, where already the stools have been swung into position. A short interval of towel flapping to help the hard-pumping lungs, of sponging perspiring face and body, of rubbing of muscles, till the bell clangs again.

By this time the business of patrols and scouts is over. The battle, though it may at present be but an affair of the skirmishing

## NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB

Old Whitehall Haunts  
Reoccupied.

Last month members of the National Liberal Club returned to their old quarters in Whitehall-place, from which they were evacuated by the Government during the war.

They made an excellent deal in buying the old Westminster Palace Hotel for temporary occupation, and the profit realised by its resale, has enabled the committee to maintain the present rate of subscription, as well as to make the Whitehall premises more cosy and up to date.

The old building has received a thorough overhauling. Magnificent new carpets have been laid down, warm curtains hang from the windows, and the woodwork throughout has been repolished.

Improvements have been made in the serving department, in order to facilitate the service of meals, and members will be permitted to smoke in the reading-room from which smokers were formerly excluded. The small smoking-room on the second floor will now be used as a committee-room.

One of the most welcome improvements is a new heating system by which the whole of the club is warmed throughout. The Gladstone Library which because of its size was very uncomfortable in winter, will now be one of the cosiest rooms in the club.

And so, for better and for worse, it goes its destined course, sometimes to the will and unarguable decision of the "knock out"—actually a very harmless thing which the trained man regards less seriously than you regard your partner's foot set clumsily on yours at dancing—or else to the judicial to accounting of points. The members stream out into Covent Garden, where the results. Another night at the Club is over.



## KOWLOON MARATHON.

## A Fine Sporting Event.

The 1921 Marathon held at Kowloon yesterday under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Church Men's Association, was invested with a great deal of interest to the Colony in general and to Kowloon in particular from the fact that it was an event designed to bring out the form of local European runners and also that Kowloon saw its first big effort in the athletic line pass off with conspicuous success. Contrary to expectations, however, there was not the big crowd that thronged the starting point as in last year's meet, this fact being accredited to the unfavourable hour which clashed with the business and the distance of the meet from this side of the harbour. Military exercises also interfered with the meet, so that out of seventy-two entries listed for the race, only thirty-six runners faced the starter.

It must be stated to the credit of the organisers, that their management of the meet was wholly responsible for the excellent arrangements provided for runners and Press alike, and if the meet was so largely attended as it should be, that must be laid to the public generally, who missed what was really a very "sporting" time.

The officials were as under:—

Chairman of Committee: Rev. G. R. Lindsay; Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. A. Purvis; Starter, Mr. T. W. Robertson; Timekeeper, Mr. N. L. Raiton; members of Sub-Committee, Mr. W. R. Farmer and Mr. W. Jackson; Pointsmen, Messrs. Spradberry, Jennings, Wilson, Shacton, Stokes, Jenner, Staple, Watson, Nicholls, Hyde, G. Jack, A. E. Farrell, M. Morrison, T. Arnold, Simpson, and D. A. Purvis.

After having been instructed as to the conditions of the race, the start was made at 4.20, the following comprising the field:—

A. Meir, Kowloon Dock.

G. Chubb, United F.C.

Lieut. Cpl. Britten, Wiltshire Regiment.

Lieut. Cpl. Hawkins, Wiltshire Regiment.

Sgt. Rooney, Wiltshire Regiment.

Lieut. Cpl. Phillips, Wiltshire Regiment.

Pte. Woodward, Wiltshire Regiment.

Pte. H. S. Smith, Wiltshire Regiment.

M. L. Raiton, Jardine Matheson and Co.

H. Codling, H.M.S. Titania.

P. Meen, H.M.S. Titania.

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G. Pemberton, H.M.S. Titania.

T. Linsley, H.M.S. Titania.

L. McDonald, H.M.S. Titania.

J. Hutchley, H.M.S. Titania.

H. Derbyshire, H.M.S. Titania.

P. Dance, H.M.S. Titania.

J. Morrison, H.M.S. Titania.

Gnr. O. H. Bayley, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

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Pte. Potter, Wiltshire Regiment.

Pte. Barter, Wiltshire Regiment.

Lieut. Cpl. Hawkins, Wiltshire Regiment.

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Mr. Frost, Submarine L15.

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Mr. Paulo Xavier, Kowloon.

Mr. E. Souza, Kowloon.

Mr. Carlos Assumpcao, Mr. Ribeiro.

Mr. Old.

Keeping closely together, the field moved off at a swift trot, but by the time the Kowloon Dairy was reached, the weather which inclined towards the uncomfortable side, began to tell, and the field strung well out, with Andrew Meir and Codling well in front. Britten soon got into the third place, and closely following him at a distance of about one hundred feet were Morrison, Ralph and Derbyshire. Behind at 250 yards, the following formed the order: Williams, Hutchley, Old, and Pelling. At 100 yards further back, Potter came up with the others, his condition indicating that he was in an advanced state of distress. The last man passed this point fifteen minutes after the commencement of the race.

At four miles, Meir was still keeping his lead, proceeding along at an easy pace, with Williams and Old at equal intervals behind. First past Bailey's Shipyard was Meir, who was followed by Williams, who was bunched together with Morrison, Britten and Codling. Britten was losing pace, and at

the head of Chatham Road surrendered his place to Codling, Derbyshire and Morrison. Britten is understood to have lost his bearings at this point, but in any case he could not keep up with the others who, led by Meir, rounded the road at 25-1/2 minutes. Meir held a big lead which assured an easy win, and he rounded Signal Hill fully half-a-minute before Codling. Behind the private, Morrison closely competed with Derbyshire for third place, and their distance remained fairly well the same at the finish. Ralph who had dropped out of the running gave his place to Britten who finished fifth, in front of Williams.

Times and placings were as under:—

	M. S.
1 Meir	30 32
2 Codling	31 05
3 Morrison	31 08
4 Derbyshire	31 13
5 Britten	32 00
6 Williams	32 50
7 Ralphs	33 05
8 W. Old	33 50
9 Hermitage	
10 Rooney	
11 Potter	
12 Hutchley	
13 Higgins	
14 Pelley	
15 Meen	
16 Percival	

All the competitors finished with the exception of three, the first sixteen all coming in within 4 1/2 minutes of each other. Britten lost about 80 yards through taking a wrong turning.

## PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The Church Hall was well filled to witness the presentation proceedings. Rev. G. R. Lindsay presided and was supported by Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. D. A. Purvis, Mr. N. L. Raiton and a number of ladies.

Rev. G. R. Lindsay said it was a source of great pleasure to him that the Church in Kowloon had not only had an opportunity of associating itself with but of taking a leading part in the social and physical welfare of the community. They counted it as a privilege. They had little idea when the Association was formed hardly two months ago that it would meet with the success which had attended its efforts so far. The Committee, which met for the first time barely six weeks ago, had realised its responsibilities in a manner which did it great credit. Their efforts covered a wide field and they realised that by the rules of the Association they had moral responsibilities and had formed a special Sub-Committee dealing with that side of the work. They were very happy that they had had such a good race, which, he hoped, was the inauguration of an annual Marathon for Kowloon. (Hear, hear). As they knew, the Association was only a young one and had probably much to learn. If mistakes had been made early in its career they hoped to profit by them and remedy them in the future. At any rate, he wished to plead for the support of all the men of Kowloon. Some one, who had passed the stage of youth, had asked if he was eligible to join the Association. The answer was "Yes." They wanted all the men of Kowloon to join the Association. It had great possibilities and the realisation of those possibilities rested largely upon the men of the district. So far as the race was concerned it was a great joy to them to have such a beautiful day. Unfortunately military operations prevented a number of men competing. They were pleased so many had turned up. Mr. Lindsay proceeded to express thanks to Sir Paul Chater, the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph, Capt. Wheeler and Messrs. Farmer and Purvis for kindly presenting cups, and to Mr. E. J. Noronha for a case of 12 spoons. The Association, Mr. Lindsay added, took as their motto:—

"Tis not in mortals to command success,

But we'll do more—

We'll deserve it."

By their efforts they had done it. Mr. Lindsay paid a tribute to the exceedingly hard work of Mr. D. A. Purvis, as Hon. Secretary. Mr. Purvis would be the first to say he had not worked alone; many had backed him up right royally. (Applause).

Mrs. Lindsay then distributed the prizes as under:—

1. (Cup given by Sir Paul Chater): Andrew Meir, Kowloon Dock.

2. (Cup given by South China Morning Post and Hongkong

Telegraph): H. Codling, H.M.S. Titania.

3. (Cup given by Capt. Wheeler): J. Morrison, H.M.S. Titania.

4. (Cup given by Messrs Farmer and Purvis): H. Derbyshire, H.M.S. Titania.

Spoons given by Mr. E. J. Noronha:—5. Lieut. Britten, Wiltshire; 6. Mr. Williams, Submarine L15; 7. Lieut. Ralphs, Wiltshire; 8. W. Old, Sanitary Department; 9. T. Hermitage, H.M.S. Titania; 10. Sgt. Rooney, Wiltshire; 11. Pte. Potter, Wiltshire; 12. J. Hutchley, H.M.S. Titania; 13. Pte. Higgins, Wiltshire; 14. E. C. Pelling, H.M.S. Titania; 15. P. Meen, H.M.S. Titania; 16. H. Percival, H.M.S. Titania.

Mrs. Lindsay, who was presented with two bouquets of choice flowers, in a graceful little speech expressed her pleasure in being present and distributing the prizes. She offered her congratulations to Mr. Meir, and was especially pleased a Kowloon man had come in first. (Applause). She was also glad to hear the Marathon was likely to be an annual event, and she hoped all the competitors would be present and take part next year. (Applause).

Rev. G. R. Lindsay: What should we do without the Navy? (Laughter). He added that the Association would have the Cups suitably inscribed and forwarded to the winners.

It is only necessary to add that the course was efficiently patrolled and that cars were kindly lent by Messrs. Abraham, Ramsay, W. J. Crawford, Lambert and the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company for use of the officials.

## SICKLY BABIES.

Sickly babies—little ones who are troubled with their stomachs and bowels, whose teething is painful, digestion bad, and who cannot sleep well—may be made healthy and happy by Baby's Own Tablets, the Canadian children's remedy.

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THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1921.

THE THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of February, 1921, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1920 and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY the 12th February, 1921, until TUESDAY, the 22nd February, 1921 both days inclusive.

By Order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1921.

NOTICE.

The public is hereby notified that the Power of Attorney of Mr. E. J. Macdonald to sign per procuration for Connell Bros. Company has this day been rescinded.

A. C. CONRAD.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1921.

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Mrs. Lindsay then distributed the prizes as under:—

1. (Cup given by Sir Paul Chater): Andrew Meir, Kowloon Dock.

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## THEATRE ROYAL.

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NOTICE.

THE INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

The Directors of the above Company have declared an Interim Dividend on Deferred Shares for the year 1920 at the rate of 6/- per share.

Dividends for Shareholders on the Colonial Register are free of Income Tax and will be paid at the rate of 2/10 per dollar.

Dividend Warrants will be obtainable on and after Saturday, 26th February, 1921, at the Company's Office.

Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 19th February to 26th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO. LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1921.

NOTICE.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong on Saturday, the 19th February, 1921, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1920.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th February to the 21st February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON

General Managers.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1921.

AN AEROPLANE EXHIBITION

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Sunday, February 13th at 2 p.m.

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UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company Limited on Thursday the 17th February 1921 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December 1920.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to 17th February 1921 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO. LTD.

General Managers.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

Notice is hereby giving that on and after 14th February 1921, the Hongkong Savings Bank will be open on:—

Week days from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

A. G. STEPHEN,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1921.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the notice closing VICTORIA ROAD to traffic is withdrawn and that road may now be used as heretofore.

T. L. PERKINS,

Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department, Hongkong, 10th February, 1921.

NOTICE.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

Members are reminded that the Golf Course at Happy Valley will be closed to play on Sunday, 13th February 1921.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Lieut-Colonel L.G. Bird, D. S. O.

Administrative Commandant. Hongkong, 11th February, 1921.

1. Parades.—Parades for week ending 19th February will be held in accordance with Programme of Work.

2. Musketry.—No. 5. Platoon (Scottish) will fire Part II. Annual Musketry Course on Sundays 20th and 27th, at King's Park Range, commencing both days, at 10 a.m.

Mounted Infantry Section will fire Part II on Sunday, 27th instant, Officer for Firing Point: 2nd Lieut. T. W. Hill M.C.

3. Mounted Infantry Section Parade at Polo Ground on Friday, 18th instant, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Optional.

4. Cadet Company.—Parade at Headquarters on Tuesday, 15th instant, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order.

G. F. E. RAPSON, Bt-Major, Adjutant, H. V. D. Corps.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

First TOURNAMENT Monday 21st February at 9 p.m. at the MING YUEN GARDENS.

Booking at Moutrie's, WEDNESDAY February 16th—Members (on production Current Membership Cards only)

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Special Trams will be run before and after the Tournament.

NOTICE.

I, Lo Shun Wo, formerly a partner in the firm of Yuen Wo Hong hereby notify that from the closing of the account on the 30th day of the 13th moon of Kai-mee Year I have ceased to have any interest in the said firm and am not responsible for any profit or loss.

LO SHUN WO, Hongkong, 11th February, 1921.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall Hongkong on Saturday 26th day of February 1921 at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1920.

The Register of shares of the Corporation will be closed from Saturday 12th February to Saturday 26th February 1921 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors

A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Hongkong, 5th February, 1921.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.

WANTED.—Stewards for steamer proceeding to Liverpool middle of March 1921. Applicants with previous experience and certificates of services only need apply. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

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### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship  
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From TRIESTE, VENICE, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 31st February. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th inst. will be subject to rent. All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 19th inst. or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th inst. at 10 a.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD.**  
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Hongkong, 9th February, 1921

## CONSIGNEES.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

From NEW YORK.

The Steamship

"FOYLE"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after 16th February will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 17th February or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 16th February at 10 a.m. by the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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**THE BANK LINE LTD.**

General Agents.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1920.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship

"SATSUMA"

having arrived from New York via ports, on 10th inst. Consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of The Hon Shan Godown Co., 16 & 17 Kennedy Town, Praya, Hongkong, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 15th inst. by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 16th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature immediately.

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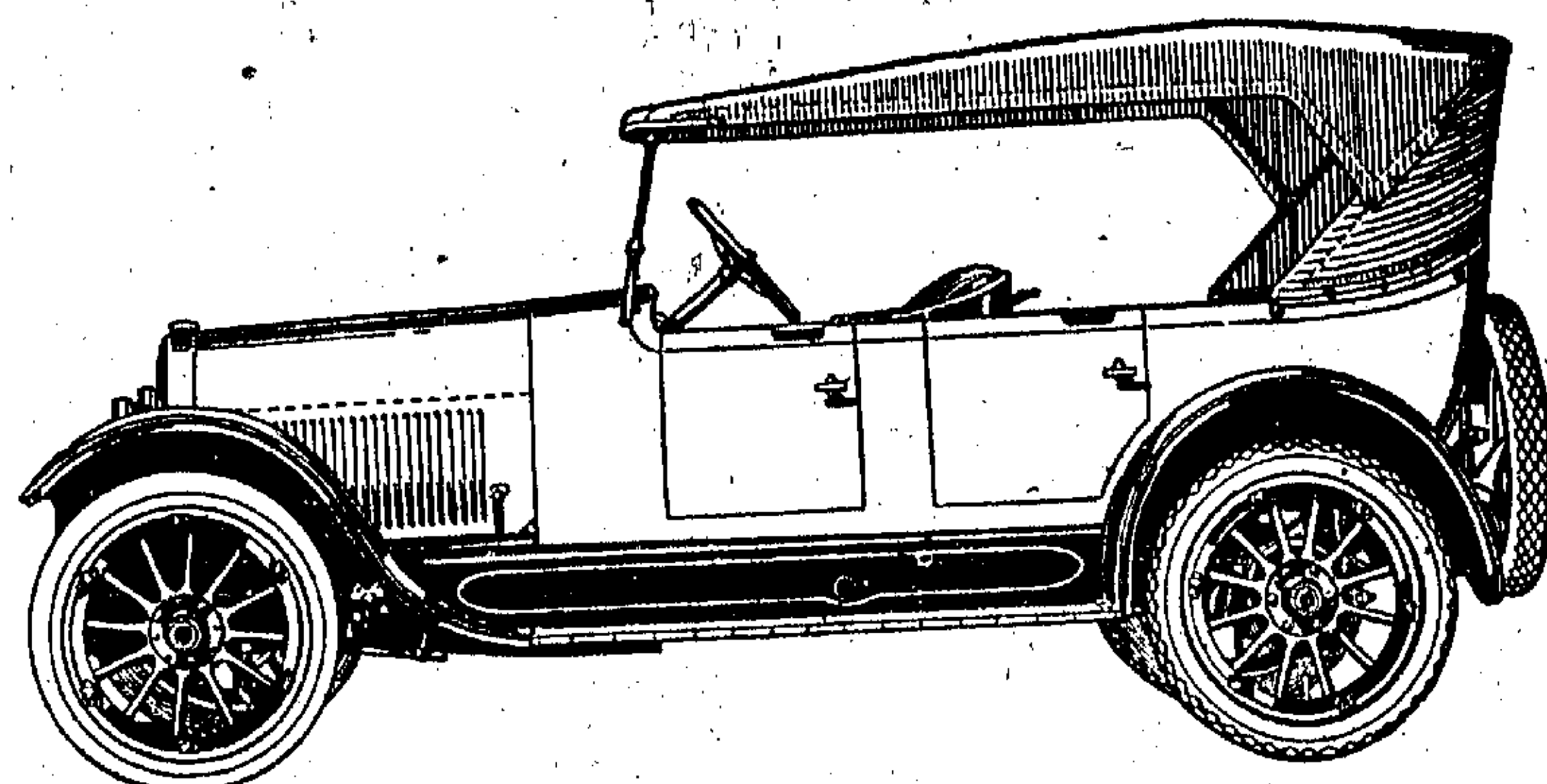
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## WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on Feb. 1, 1921.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.	1920.	1921.
Tydam	9.5 Below	16.3 Below
Tydam	23.2 Below	28.3 Below
Tydam	10.7 Below	12.7 Below
Tydam	6.5 Below	6.7 Below
Tydam	26.0 Below	26.1 Below
Tydam	35.0 Below	35.0 Below
Tydam	14.9 Below	14.9 Below

## STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1920.	1921.
Tydam	310.47	297.78
Tydam	150.36	110.89
Tydam	817.10	1,105.19
Tydam	1.08	9.17
Tydam	34.24	32.46

## Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Jan.

	1920.	1921.
Consumption	192.97	222.91
Estimated	277.800	281.500
Consumption	22.4	25.9
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## KOWLOON WATERWORKS LEVEL.

	1920.	1921.
Kowloon	12.0	12.0
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## STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1920.	1921.
Kowloon	283.12	343.56
Kowloon	12.0	12.0
Kowloon	12.0	12.0

## Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Jan.

	1920.	1921.
Consumption	47.29	41.25
Estimated	144.700	146.500
Consumption	14.5	12.4

## The Government Analyst's reports show that the water is excellent quality.

**W. CHATHAM.**  
Water Authority.

## "UNKNOWN" ORIGINATOR.

Sir Henry Britain asked in Parliament whether it was proposed to record for future history the name of the individual who first suggested the burial of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. Mr. Lloyd George said he felt sure that the individual, whoever he was, would be quite satisfied with the result of his suggestion.

## LOS ANGELES PACIFIC NAVIGATION CO.,

United States Shipping Board

Emergency Fleet Corporation,

**CHAS. E. RICHARDSON,**

Agent,

Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1921.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1921.

## FIRE BRIGADE REORGANISATION.

In view of the considerable number of fires, small and large, which have recently occurred in the Colony, the question has been raised as to whether our fire-fighting service is adequate to the needs of a port and commercial centre of the size and importance of Hongkong. From all that we hear, it is not; hence the observations which follow. We should doubt whether there is any place comparable to Hongkong in population, buildings, commerce and shipping where the Fire Brigade is run on such an antiquated system and the equipment so relatively small as is the case here, and we consider that the time has come, in view of the immense value of the merchandise and properties standing in risk of loss or serious damage, when the whole Fire Brigade service of the Colony should be thoroughly reorganised, its administration improved and its personnel and equipment materially strengthened.

Let us look, first of all, at the manner in which the Fire Brigade is at present run. The Force, we believe, consists, roughly, of a Station Officer and his assistant (both trained men) and about 120 firemen, half European and half Chinese. The Chinese are trained firemen, solely employed on this work, but the European members of the Force are drawn from the Police and such training as they receive is naturally, in view of their Police duties, by no means as thorough as that of men wholly engaged in Brigade work. The weak spot in such an arrangement is obvious, for, apart from the extreme difficulty of calling the men up on an urgent summons, (even when they are not engaged on important Police work) if they should turn out to a big fire they are naturally not fit for their other duties for some hours at the earliest. It cuts the other way, too, so that, under present arrangements, in case of important Police or Brigade emergencies, or both, one service or the other is bound to suffer. That evil springs from a larger one—the fact that the Fire Brigade is under the control of the Police Department. The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade is the Captain-Superintendent of Police, whilst the Deputy-Superintendent of Police and the Assistant-Superintendent of Police are also holding subsidiary command positions with the Harbour Master as the head of the fire-boat service. Thus the two experts (the Station Officer and his assistant) have only nominal control and are subject to orders from four or five Government servants who have not been in any way trained for the work. That is a bad arrangement, preventing that co-operation which is so essential in fire-fighting and leading on occasion (as in the case of recent fires, when both the Brigade's experts were in hospital) to the work of the Force being directed by men possessing very little, if any, practical knowledge of the duties required of them. The first necessity, therefore, is to separate the Fire Brigade from the Police and Harbour Departments and to make it a distinct Government Department, manned by, and in charge of, expert firemen. The Government would never think of making the Director of the Observatory subject to control by the Head of, say, the Sanitary Department, for the self-sufficient reason that a trained man is needed at the head of that institution. It is equally essential that the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade should be a fireman, and not a cadet. So the type of Fire Brigade we need in this Colony is a Force having in absolute command a Superintendent who is a trained fireman, one or two assistants capable of taking charge in his absence, and a number of European firemen engaged on no other duties, each with his particular squad of trained Chinese firemen under him. One or two European ex-firemen employed as Fire Inspectors, whose duties would be the inspection of premises with a view to the enforcement of precautionary measures against fires, would also be most useful, for we fear that this important aspect of Fire Brigade work is, under the present system, largely neglected.

As to equipment, we have heard it said that it is altogether inadequate to the needs of such a port and colony as Hongkong. More pump engines are badly required. Hongkong has suffered by the transference of one engine to Kowloon, where at present there is no machine in reserve should anything happen to the one now available. There are other necessities also in the way of appliances—certainly something better than paraffin torches to facilitate work during fires at night, to mention only one shortcoming. To reorganise the Brigade, to strengthen its personnel and to add to its equipment will mean the spending of money, but that money would be insurance against disaster, regarding which the Colony is at present not protected as it should be. The methods under which the Fire Brigade is now run no doubt suited the Colony in its earlier days. They are now hopelessly out-of-date. The Colony has outgrown them. Reorganisation has become an urgent need.

## NOTES &amp; COMMENTS.

## Anglo-American Relations.

All the recent talk in America of strained Anglo-American relations, is, to say the very least, extremely unfortunate. It would seem that the alarmist reports had their origin in the minds of a few American newspaper men who cabled exaggerated versions of something that was told them in confidence by Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador to America, who is visiting England at the present time. Sir Auckland, anxious to further the task of straightening out the few outstanding questions between the two nations, granted an interview to the pressmen in which he very frankly asked them to avoid cabling any news calculated, without full explanation, to disturb Anglo-American relations. The confidence which he reposed was not only betrayed but a deeper meaning than he intended to convey was read into his words, and Washington was treated to sensational cables which Reuter describes as having "amazed" the recipients. One can only hope that the pressmen concerned will be taken to task by their respective Governments and also by their Government. Talk of war between Britain and America is so ridiculously foolish as to need very little comment. True, these two great English-speaking nations have not seen eye-to-eye on all post-war problems but there has been a frankness of expression that in itself has prevented any possibility of serious misunderstanding. Britain's one desire has been to secure perfect harmony and signs are not wanting to show that the way to a complete agreement is being gradually made clear. There are always some people ready to make trouble and both in Britain and America there has been mischievous talk of irreconcilable differences. Mr. Austen Chamberlain's remark with regard to the Allies' war debts has been seized upon by anti-British interests in the States and in England one can easily find those who like to accentuate any little disagreement between the countries. Anglo-American friendliness is so essential to the continued peace of the world that it is criminal to talk of hostility. Thank goodness the bulk of both peoples realise it and are striving after greater sympathy and understanding.

## Naval Armaments.

The decision of the United States Naval Committee, to say the least, disappointing, especially after the resolution of the Foreign Affairs Committee authorising the President to convene a conference regarding armaments. A Republican member of the House of Representatives, Mr. Mondell, put forward a strong case for restriction, but was opposed by his colleagues, and the Naval Committee has reported negatively on Senator Borah's reduction proposal. The conclusions of this body will, presumably, carry an appreciable degree of weight, but we infer that they are not binding, being rather in the nature of advisory views, and not necessarily implying the abandonment of the conciliatory step authorised by the Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Mondell drew attention to the financial side of the problem, and even the United States, while better equipped for facing the drain than other nations, could hardly regard with equanimity appropriations on the scale that are being submitted to Congress. Fortunately, the mass of the American people are now taking note of these things, and there are signs that they are making their voices heard in an increasing volume.

## The London Conference.

The German Government has notified its acceptance of the invitation to participate in the London conference for settling reparations arrangements, which has now been fixed for March. The Berlin Administration adds that "it supposes the negotiations will include the discussion of counter-proposals." After the conclusion of the Paris conference it was stated by official circles in London that discussion would only be admitted on points of detail, not on the main decisions of the Paris conference. French opinion is, of course, very much in favour of holding Germany to the terms recently framed, but is evidently anticipating trouble from Berlin. Italy's spokesman, Count Sforza, well sums up the situation when he says that while Germany's finances are in a critical state, her economic

## DAY BY DAY.

AN ERROR IS THE MORE DANGEROUS IN PROPORTION TO THE DEGREE OF TRUTH WHICH IT CONTAINS.—*Amiel.*

"The Pharos" are coming, on February 15 and 16. Keep your eyes and the dates open.

Mrs. Severn is to present the prizes at the Victoria British School at 11 a.m. on Monday.

The Boxing Association has arranged a tournament to be held at the Ming Yuen Gardens on the 21st instant. An attractive programme is promised.

Yesterday's health return shows three cases of plague (one fatal), one fatal occurrence of small-pox and one non-fatal occurrence of diphtheria. The last-named was British; the rest Chinese.

The paper recently read by Mr. R. A. Nicholson on "Rose Growing in Hongkong" has been published in booklet form by the Hongkong Horticultural Society. Needless to say, being the work of an expert, it is full of most useful advice. It is issued free to members of the Society but can be procured by the public at 50 cents per copy.

A report from Chu Lu Kok states that a robbery was committed there on the 6th instant, when five men entered a matched site near the quarry, and stole property and provisions to the value of \$140, with \$50 in money. Previous to this the tenant heard three revolver shots being fired, and he ran up the hillside leaving the robbers in possession of the field and of his property.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay informs us that he has been notified that the Peking Government has requested all Christian denominations to observe Sunday, February 20, as a day of prayer for the success of the fund for the starving people of North China. St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, gladly falls in with the request and will observe the day. The Bishop of Victoria is to preach at the evening service.

A successful whist drive and dance were held last evening by the members of the Garrison Sergeants' Mess. In spite of the counter-attractions these functions were well attended. The prize winners were as follows: Ladies—1st, Mrs. Lamerton (179); 2nd, Mrs. May (170); 3rd, Mrs. Booth (169); Booby, Miss Conroy (133). Gents—1st, Mr. Morris (176); 2nd, Mr. Wright (174); 3rd, Long (173); Booby, Mr. Hambley (133). Sgt. Major Stroud capably fulfilled the duties of M.C.

The Colonial Secretariat advises us that a letter has been received from Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher at Colombo, dated the 23rd January. Acting on expert advice, Mr. Fletcher entered the nursing home Sacile, Herton Place, Colombo, and was operated on for appendicitis. The operation was entirely successful and Mr. Fletcher could have proceeded on his voyage home at the end of January, but there was no ship until the 10th February, on which which date he hoped to sail by an Orient line ship.

We understand that Mirova and Podolsky are leaving on Saturday by the Suwa Maru for the Philippines, where, as well as in British North Borneo and Siam, they are to undertake a tour. During their stay in Hongkong they have given five recitals (three at the Theatre Royal, and one each at the Peak Club and the Jewish Club) whilst they also gave three performances at Macao and two in Canton. After their tour down South, they are likely to pass through Hongkong on the way to Shanghai and Japan, and music-lovers hope that they will be able to make it convenient to give at least one concert here.

Factors show a tendency to recover, the country's true position being obscured by her avoidance of data. The Allies have remedied this defect to a considerable extent for themselves. All the same the first essential in settling the payment arrangements is to see that Fritz lays his cards on the table.

## BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

## The Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held at noon to-day, when there were present Mr. N. L. Leefe (in the chair), Mrs. Jordan (President), Mrs. Gompertz (Vice-President), Mrs. N. L. Smith (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. Cavalier (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Roffey (Assistant Hon. Secretary), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Mrs. Pollock, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Leefe, Mrs. McElderry and Mrs. Cameron.

The annual report was as follows:—The Ladies of the Committee beg to present the report of the work of the Society for the year ending December, 1920, together with the statement of accounts. The Society was founded in 1889, and the numbers of cases on our books has now reached 1584. During the year forty-five new cases have been entered and most all of them have received help in some form. In the few cases where nothing was done it was found that the applicants were not in need of help from the Society, or that they were Chinese or Portuguese, and they were directed as to where they might apply for help. Seven of the new applicants for help were women, five of them having small children, and a great number of ex-soldiers applied for clothes and help. The men helped were of various nationalities: West African, East African, Dutch, Danish and Indian, besides British subjects from many of the colonies. In some cases clothing was supplied, other applicants were provided temporarily with board and lodgings; some were helped to get employment, whilst others were helped to leave the Colony. Three children have been placed at school during the past year, and several for whom the Society was responsible last year are now earning their own living. The Secretary or the Assistant Secretary attends at the City Hall on Mondays and Thursdays to interview applicants for help. Gifts of clothing and boots and shoes for men, women and children are very welcome and may be sent on these days. Many such gifts have been received during the past year, and the Committee wish to express grateful thanks to those who kindly sent them. The thanks of the Committee are due to the Colonial Government for the annual grant of \$500 and to the subscribers and donors, also to Mr. A. Murdoch for kindly auditing the accounts. We wish gratefully to acknowledge \$300, the proceeds of a dance at the Peak Club and the sum of \$175 given subsequent to the disbandment of the Hongkong Defence Corps. During the year the following ladies have served on the Committee:—Messames Pollock, Parr, Matheson, Joseph Taylor, John Johnstone, Winslow, Cunningham, Lindsay, McElderry, Leefe, Cameron and Miss Inness.

The Chairman said that the report and accounts had been in their hands for some time and he would take them as read. The report revealed the fact that the work of the Society for the past year had been more onerous and far-reaching than for the year immediately preceding. The number of new cases dealt with by the Society in 1920 was 45, as against 33 for the year before. This was in itself sufficient evidence of the growing usefulness of the Society and should constitute an appeal to all to do everything they could to aid it, whether financially or otherwise. The Secretary and Assistant Secretary attended the City Hall twice a week to deal with any cases that might arise, and he thought it was not inappropriate to remark that this work was no sinecure; on the contrary, circumstances very often made it an exacting ordeal, and credit was due to those ladies who at no little cost to themselves had entered into the work of analysing the cases of those who for the moment were stranded on the shores of the Colony. Turning to the accounts, the Chairman said that they would recollect that last year the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Farr, presiding at the meeting, made a reference to a sum of money amounting to £500 presented by Mrs. J. R. M. Smith in memory of her late husband. That sum of money had been invested in War Loans, the capital and interest had been allowed to remain in England, as it was thought more advantageous to ac-

## TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

It has been the custom for so many years to associate the art of bellmaking with the historic towns of Belgium that it is almost a surprise to learn that bellmasons equalling, and even excelling, in craftsmanship their Continental brethren are to be found within a short distance of London. At Croydon there has been established for over eighty years a bell foundry—namely, that of Gillet and Johnston—which has sent its bells to almost every part of the world. It might even be claimed that the making of bells is a Scottish art, inasmuch as the chief craftsmen at the Croydon foundry come from north of the Tweed. The works are dominated by a large square tower, unique among factory towers in respect of the carillon of twenty-three bells which it contains. When the chimers are played, by an expert carillonneur, they provide a revelation of the remarkable scope and musical possibilities of the bells. Inside the works are peals of bells in various stages of completion, from the Royal Exchange peal, weighing seven tons, which has just been recast, to a light peal of bells intended for a church at Broughty Ferry. The bells are made of pure copper and tin only, and there is no foundation for the picturesque myth that precious metals, such as gold and silver, are used in the construction of some of the exquisitely toned bells in use here and on the Continent.

It is claimed by the Croydon bellmasters that they have rediscovered and perfected the art of the harmonic tuning of bells, a closely-guarded secret of the Belgian bellmasters of 300 years ago. This art was lost in the Netherlands, but its principles were again brought to light in Britain during recent years, where the application of improved methods of tuning and hanging have made it possible for the finest bells in the world to be turned out by British hand. The recasting of the Royal Exchange peal, which was found necessary owing to the development of rather pronounced discords, has just been completed at the Croydon works, and this recalls a curious coincidence in connection with the peal of bells hung in the old Royal Exchange, which was burned down in 1838. It is a well-authenticated fact that as the fire reached the bell-tower of the Exchange the machinery was set in motion by some means, and the whole peal fell into the flames whilst playing the old Scottish melody, "There's nae luck about the house." The recast peal consists of thirteen bells, the tenor itself weighing well over a ton.

count of the high rate of Exchange. Next year the gold and silver investments of the Society would be embodied in the Society's annual statement of accounts. The 35 shares in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company were an investment out of which school fees were paid. The income from those shares was inadequate, and would be supplemented by a source of income to be obtained from another source. Personally, he thought the Society could rely upon the generosity of Hongkong to see to it that its needs were met financially at any time. In this connection he had been asked by the President to acknowledge with thanks the contribution of \$500 received this morning from Sir Paul Chater. The Chairman formally concluded by moving the adoption of the report and accounts. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, in seconding this resolution, said that he was not in Hongkong for the greater part of last year, and not having an opportunity of going through the report, he could not speak about it with knowledge and detail, as the Chairman had done. He was, however, well aware of the benefit of the Society to destitutes. The Committee in dealing with cases that had been submitted to them had exercised discretion, and where possible, had extended assistance.

On the proposal of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, seconded by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, the following executive committee was re-elected for the following year:—President, Mrs. Jordan; Vice-President, Mrs. Gompertz; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Cavalier; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. N. L. Smith; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Roffey; Committee, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Parr, Miss Inness, Mrs. John Johnstone, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Leefe, Mrs. McElderry.

## THE COLONY IN EARLIER DAYS.

## XVII.—Atrocious Piracy on A Douglas Steamer.

Just as the closing decade of the nineteenth century was about to begin an atrocious case of piracy suggestive of the Colony's earliest days or before occurred. On the 10th of December 1890 the steamer Namos, of the Douglas Steamship Company, left Hongkong for Swatow with five saloon and 220 Chinese deck passengers. The Chinese were chiefly returned emigrants from San Francisco and the Straits Settlements on their way to their homes with their savings.

Early in the afternoon after leaving Hongkong and while passing the island of Ping Hoi a band of between forty and fifty Chinese, armed with revolvers and cutlasses, suddenly made their appearance on deck. They had all changed their dress, and wore a kind of uniform not unlike that worn by Chinese soldiers. Before any of the officers and crew could realise their position, the pirates had divided themselves into several gangs and made a simultaneous attack on the saloon, where the Captain and passengers were at tiffin, the engineers' and officers' quarters, the bridge, and the engine-room. The attack was so sudden that resistance was impossible, besides which the pirates had taken steps to prevent anything of the kind by first taking possession of the arms and ammunition belonging to the ship.

## OPENING FIRE ON OFFICERS' QUARTERS.

The engineers' and officers' quarters were first subjected to fire. The second engineer and second officer were sitting at tiffin when several shots were fired and stinkpots thrown in upon them. The second engineer, Ramsay, was shot through the arm, but, wounded as he was, he made his escape to the engine rooms. The second officer was made a prisoner and ordered, under threats of instant death, to show where the valuables were.

Another gang had attacked the third officer, Eddy, on the bridge. He jumped from the bridge, and, wounded as he was, made his escape to the engine-rooms, where he was followed by the pirates. He also received a shot in the arm. The third engineer, who was in the engine-room when the attack commenced, was joined by the second engineer and the second officer, both seeking refuge in the same place. The three men concealed themselves under the boilers and for some time eluded the search of the pirates.

## THE CAPTAIN MORTALLY WOUNDED.

In the meantime another gang had attacked the saloon. Some of them pointed their revolvers through the skylight and called on the Captain, to come on deck. One man, speaking in pidgin English, said: "We are going to rob the passengers, and we want to settle with you." Captain Pocock, after some parley, left the table and walked towards the door of the saloon. He had hardly reached the deck when one of the pirates, who was standing at the door, fired at him point-blank, mortally wounding the unfortunate mariner.

The saloon passengers had rushed from the table and concealed themselves in their cabins, into which shots were fired. Surrounded by a party of pirates with revolvers and cutlasses, the second mate was compelled to go into the saloon and tell the passengers to come out of their rooms and go into the Captain's state-room and stay there if they did not want to be killed. The passengers thereupon came out and went into the state-room, where Captain Pocock lay dying. Here they were locked in and a watch of four men put over them. The chief engineer, who was at tiffin in his own cabin, ran aft to the saloon, several shots being fired at him on the way. He got into the Captain's state-room, and was kept a prisoner there with the others. The chief officer was also forced into the state-room, the object of the pirates evidently being to get all the officers and Europeans into this place and there keep them.

The second and third engineers and the third officer, who were still concealed in the engine-room, were told by the second mate on the directions of the pirates that if they came out no harm would be done to them.

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## DAY BY DAY.

To-day being the anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire, warships in harbour dressed ship at the request of the commanding officer of the Japanese cruiser now in port.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Russia yesterday were Admiral and Mrs. Gleaves, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton, and Mr. J. H. Wallace.

Mr. Francisco Vicuna, the Minister for Chile in Japan, is at present in Hongkong on his way to Havana where he goes as Minister for Chile. He leaves by the Pilsna. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that he is the brother of Mr. Manuel Rivas Vicuna, the Chilean delegate to the League of Nations.

The J. C. Williams Variety Company presented their programme at the Theatre Royal again last evening, when there was the same range of entertainment. Mr. Williams as "the Singing Tramp", Mr. Scheminam in a versatile performance at the piano, and Miss Gan Stalsky, with her remarkable voice, were among the attractions, and mention must not be omitted of the juvenile acrobat, "Little Teddy", and the excellent canine act.

The report made by the quartermaster of the Po Shek that he had been the victim of a highway robbery proves to be false. The condition of the man when he was brought to the station by the Police, showed the effects of liquor, but by dint of patient examination, the fact has at length been brought out that for some obscure motive he trumped up the story and went the length of cutting his own legs, to give the impression that he was the victim of an armed attack. As he had not sufficient ingenuity to out through his trousers legs, but had carefully lifted up the latter before inflicting the cuts, Sergeant Clark had no difficulty in disproving his story.

## THE BOOKSHELF.

(By "Librarian.")

## THE FUTURE OF JAPAN.

A noteworthy volume, especially to students of Far Eastern Affairs, is Mr. A. M. Pooley's "Japan's Foreign Policies", published by the American house of Dodd, Mead and Co. The author, formerly a Press correspondent in the island Empire, writes in large measure from first-hand knowledge. This is his third essay in the interpretation of Japan and the Japanese; of whom Mr. Pooley shows himself as a candid critic. His first volume was entitled, "The Secret Memoirs of Count Tadao Hayashi," while in 1917 he created a stir with a work treating of Japan's internal problems under the caption "Japan at the Crossroads," which the Japanese Government placed on the "Index."

Mr. Pooley reads Japan's policy as control of China, and, through China, domination of all Asia, a continuation of the foreign policy announced by Hayashi, of "simultaneous political and commercial penetration." (The allusion is, of course, to the late Count Hayashi, not to Baron Hayashi, the present Ambassador to the Court of St. James). The political ends were to be gained by constant threat of naval and military action, added to a group of foreign agreements which either actually favoured or did not hinder Japanese policy; and the commercial ends were to be gained by constant pushing of Japanese subsidized financiers, shipping companies, and traders for concessions, and these commercial concessions were to lead to political control. Mr. Pooley intimates that to this end Japan concluded a series of clever agreements with Great Britain, France, Russia, and America. Hayashi's mistake, says the author, was in underestimating American interest in Korea, and it is significant that Hayashi made this mistake about the one country that he had never visited. Japan now finds herself disliked and suspected in a way she did not contemplate, as Japanese returning to their native country after travel abroad remark with native wonder both in conversation and in letters to their daily press.

The three tactical methods employed by Japan to carry through her general strategic scheme in relation to China are cited as direct, attack by diplomatic channels; indirect attack by financial channels; and *agence provocatrice*, for the incitement of internal commotion among the Chinese themselves.

The whole object of Japanese policy from restoration days, states Mr. Pooley, has been the creation of patriotism by the identification of Throne with State, by bringing the Japanese to feel that any act was justifiable if for Japan. From this point of view, her statesmen can reiterate that Japan has never broken a promise, since it is right to lie for the State, and right to break a promise for the State, since it is possible to interpret any agreement in terms suited to the purposes of the state. As an instance of this last mention is made of the answer to the formal protest filed by the British and French Governments, when, in 1912, Japan abolished the duty on rice shipped from Korea to Japan, although she had agreed that no Korean import or export duties should be changed for ten years from the date of annexation. Her reply to the protest was to the effect that the Imperial Japanese Government understood *raised by changed*, and that therefore it had every right to lower or abolish duties.

The author remarks that a united and strong China would settle the peace of the Far East. Failing this, Mr. Pooley sees the only hope in the awakening of the nations to the significance of Japan's policy, except that he does see two possible hopes for the situation from within Japan. One is the student movement, the other is the continuing industrial unrest. What the young groups in China and Japan might achieve were mutual suspicion removed presents a fruitful theme. It may be thought that Mr. Pooley's volume belongs to politics rather than to literature, and so it does, albeit it is worthy of notice from either standpoint. The position has perhaps been modified somewhat by quite recent aspects of Japanese policy, which evidently realises the need of giving an assurance to the West regarding the "open door" in China. Discussion of a highly important subject is aided by

## CORONET THEATRE.

## An Attractive Film.

"A Temperamental Wife", which is the current attraction at the Coronet, is an excellent example of how a very trivial and inconsequential story can be successfully translated into entertaining light comedy by good direction, careful scenario work and the employment of a pretty and talented star, assisted by a capable supporting cast. For although the plot is of a slender nature, the versatility of Constance Talmadge, and the clever arrangement of the numerous amusing situations, with the addition of several bright character sketches enable the picture to register as a clever, breezy and laughable programme attraction.

Snub Pollard provides a reel of fun in a mirth provoking comedy entitled "Raise the Rent," which with an interesting number of the "Topical Budget" completes a splendid programme which will be shown until Sunday next.

## CHINESE LEAVE LONDON.

## Big Exodus of Seamen From The East-End.

There has been a considerable exodus of Chinese seamen from their East-end quarters in London, a Press representative was informed by a mission worker.

About 50 Anglo-Chinese children are being taught at a special evening school which has been established for the permanent Chinese residents. Their teacher is Miss Neum, who recently returned from China as a missionary.

"The youngsters are taught Chinese as well as English," said an official, "and they learn to take a pride in their parents' country. Most of them express a desire to go to China when they grow up, and they study its history and geography."

A Chinese committee has been formed to assist this educational experiment which so far has been a considerable success.

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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works like this, even the student does not see eye to eye with the author.

At the time Thackeray's lectures attracted as much notice as his novels. An autograph letter that has lately come on the market lends a certain amount of confirmation to the theory that litterateurs are indifferent business men. The communication, which refers to the celebrated lectures that were afterwards published as "The Four Georges," was written in reply to a business inquiry respecting his fee for the series. "My terms for the four lectures," he writes, "are one hundred guineas, with one half of the profits should these amount to any considerable sum. I am now engaged up to Christmas, and for the month of January in London. I shall have to go north in February or March, and might arrange to lecture."

Compared with what Dickens made by his readings in America twelve years later, the terms asked appear astonishingly modest. Writing to his sister-in-law in 1868 the author of David Copperfield reports: "We took last night at Portland £360, where a costly Italian troupe using the same hall to-night had not booked £14." At Brooklyn for the same number of addresses as Thackeray £100 series, the receipts averaged over £550 per night.

In "My Lady of the Chinese Courtyard" a series of letters of a Chinese woman, set down by Elizabeth Cooper, many quaint but interesting ideas are expressed. There is a warning against mixed marriages, white women being told that "they have no place in Chinese life if they go East" and they lose their birthright with women of their own race by marrying a Chinese. The author expresses the opinion that there is little doubt that new China will be Westernised in every department. One hopes that the transition will be steady, not precipitate, so that, while progress is achieved, some of the old China's Charm will be preserved. The book (published by T. N. Foulis, Edinburgh, 6s) is tastefully illustrated with pictures of Chinese scenes.

Mr. Wells' "Outline of History" is enjoying remarkable sales both at home and in America, notwithstanding its previous publication in England in serial form. It is somewhat unusual to find this branch of literature among the best-sellers, although there is, of course, the famous precedent of Macaulay's £20,000 for the History of England. But then any literary work labelled "H.G." commands the public.

## "UNKNOWN WARRIOR" RECORDS.

First Edition Quickly Sold Out.

The first edition of the memorial gramophone records was sold out at once. These records were taken during the ceremony of the burial of the Unknown Warrior, and are being published by the Columbia Gramophone Company at cost price for the benefit of the restoration of Westminster Abbey. The double-sided 12in. disc record contains both Kipling's "Recessional" and "Abide with me." A further edition was promptly put in hand.

The price for the two hymns together is 7s. 6d., post free, in Great Britain, and 8s. 6d. for addresses abroad. Orders should be sent by post only to the Frencourt, Westminster Abbey, envelopes to be marked "Memorial Records."

## RIFLE SHOOTING.

## A Friendly Match.

An enjoyable friendly match participated in by teams drawn from the Dockyard Recreation Club and H.M.S. Colombo took place on Wednesday at Tai Hang range, the Colombo winning by three points. Scores:—

COLOMBO.				
	200	500	600	Total
Mr. Head	41	38	45	124
Mr. Grey	32	41	35	108
Mr. Ford	43	34	30	107
Mr. Farrow	35	37	32	104
Mr. Duthy	38	33	32	103
Mr. Carthage	38	34	30	102
Mr. Knowleson	40	33	28	101
Mr. Schofield	41	36	24	101
Total	.....	.....	.....	850

DOCKYARD R.C.				
Mr. Drew	39	42	37	118
Mr. Williams	40	38	30	108
Mr. Young	40	33	34	107
Mr. Sears	38	39	28	105
Mr. King Salter	41	34	29	104
Mr. Guigan	39	31	33	103
Mr. Wimble	32	36	33	101
Mr. Johnston	39	31	31	101
Total	.....	.....	.....	847

League Match. The following is the result of a match in the Hongkong Rifle League fired at King's Park Range on the 9th instant, H.M.S. Tamar winning by 49 points:—

H.M.S. TAMAR.				
	200	500	600	Total
Mr. Clemow	44	44	38	126
Mr. Botting	39	37	45	121
Mr. Selby	39	45	36	120
Mr. Snell	42	41	36	119
Mr. Ravenscroft	42	41	33	116
Mr. Way	41	30	30	101
Mr. Allen	39	32	30	101
Mr. Prazendale	36	39	26	101
Total	.....	.....	.....	935

HONGKONG POLICE.				
	200	500	600	Total
Mr. Perkins	43	43	32	118
Mr. Howeishan	37	43	37	117
Mr. Booker	37	45	35	117
Mr. Wilson	33	37	44	114
Mr. Barshaw	37	33	38	108
Mr. Maskell	33	36	35	104
Mr. Sheppard	32	29	32	93
Mr. Cargill	40	25	20	85
Total	.....	.....	.....	856

## BILLIARDS.

## The Open Championship.

Playing in the Open Championship of the Colony at the V.R.C. on Wednesday, L.C. Snook beat S. Gray, 500-360. The winner's best efforts were: 39, 37, 20, 19, 19, 16, 15, 15, 15, 14, 13, 13, 11, 10, while Gray put together 24, 20, 20, 16, 16, 16, 14, 14, 13, 13, 12, 11.

Last night Mr. J. J. Osmund beat Mr. C. F. Vas, 500-316. Mr. Osmund made breaks of 51, 38, 38, 35, 30, 24, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 13, 11, 11, 11. Mr. Vas compiled a 37.

Mr. Osmund's 51 is the biggest break so far. The previous best was Mr. Ng Sze-kwong's 48, made in the first match of the tournament, in which, however, Mr. Ng Sze-kwong was beaten by Mr. Guimaraes.

To-night Mr. Ho Shai-cheung meets Mr. W. Pitt at 8.30 p.m.

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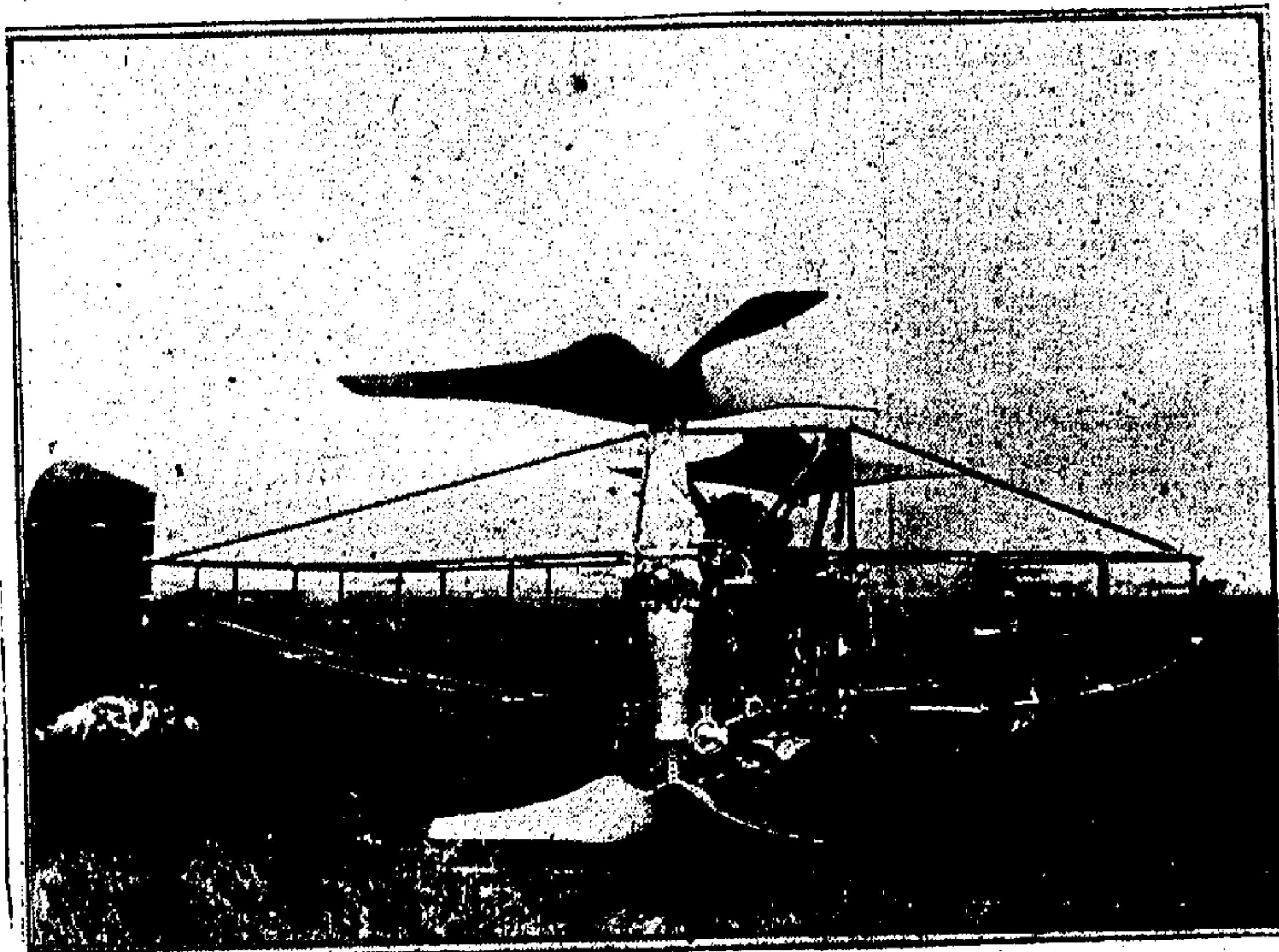


## CAMERA NEWS



IN DUBLIN.

Recent photo from Dublin showing Black and Tans, with revolvers drawn, guarding veritable Sinn Féin arsenal found in cycle shop after its discovery.



LATEST IN AVIATION.

Here is a new flying machine invented by the Leinweber brothers of Chicago, which, it is claimed, will rise from the ground straight up.



PRINCE AS ENGINEER.

This is Prince Nicholas of Rumania, who is studying at Eton. He is shown at a lathe in the school's engineering room.



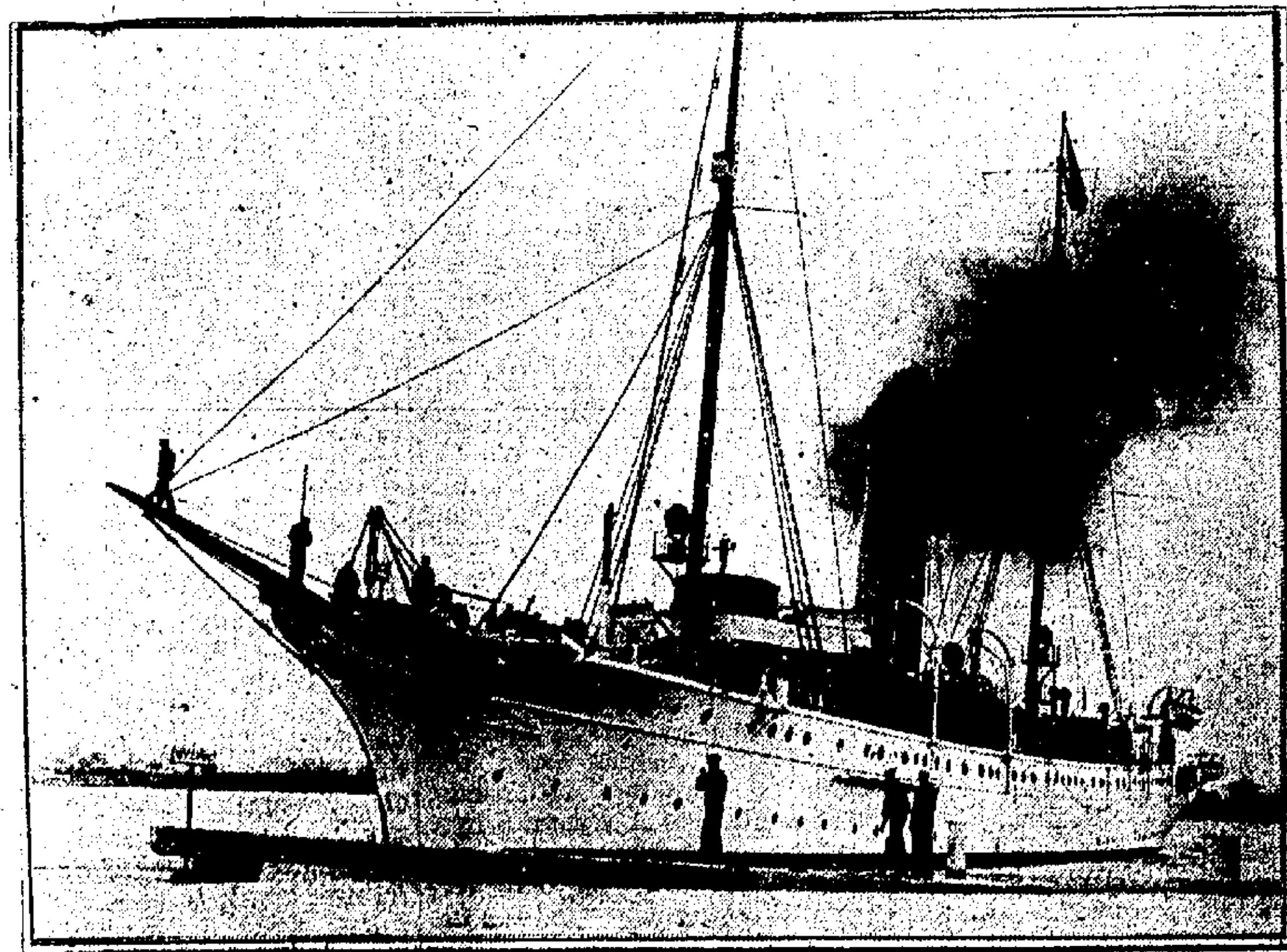
VIENNA'S PLIGHT.

The above photo showing unemployed men lounging in the streets of Vienna tells the story of conditions in Austria to-day.



SNOW DIVING.

Snow diving is the latest sport in Detroit, where this photo was taken.



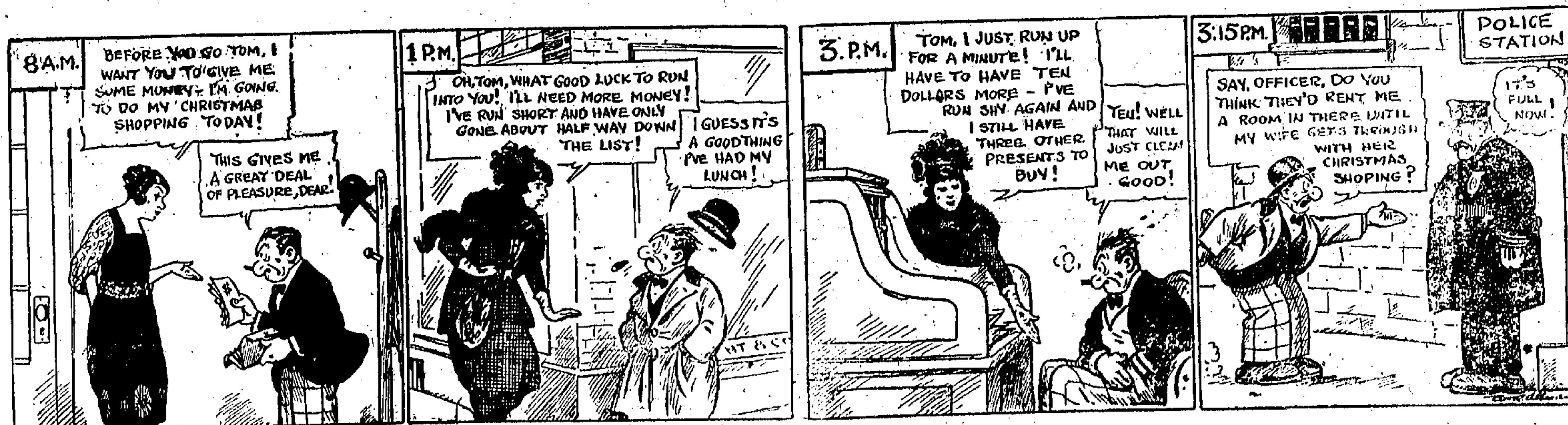
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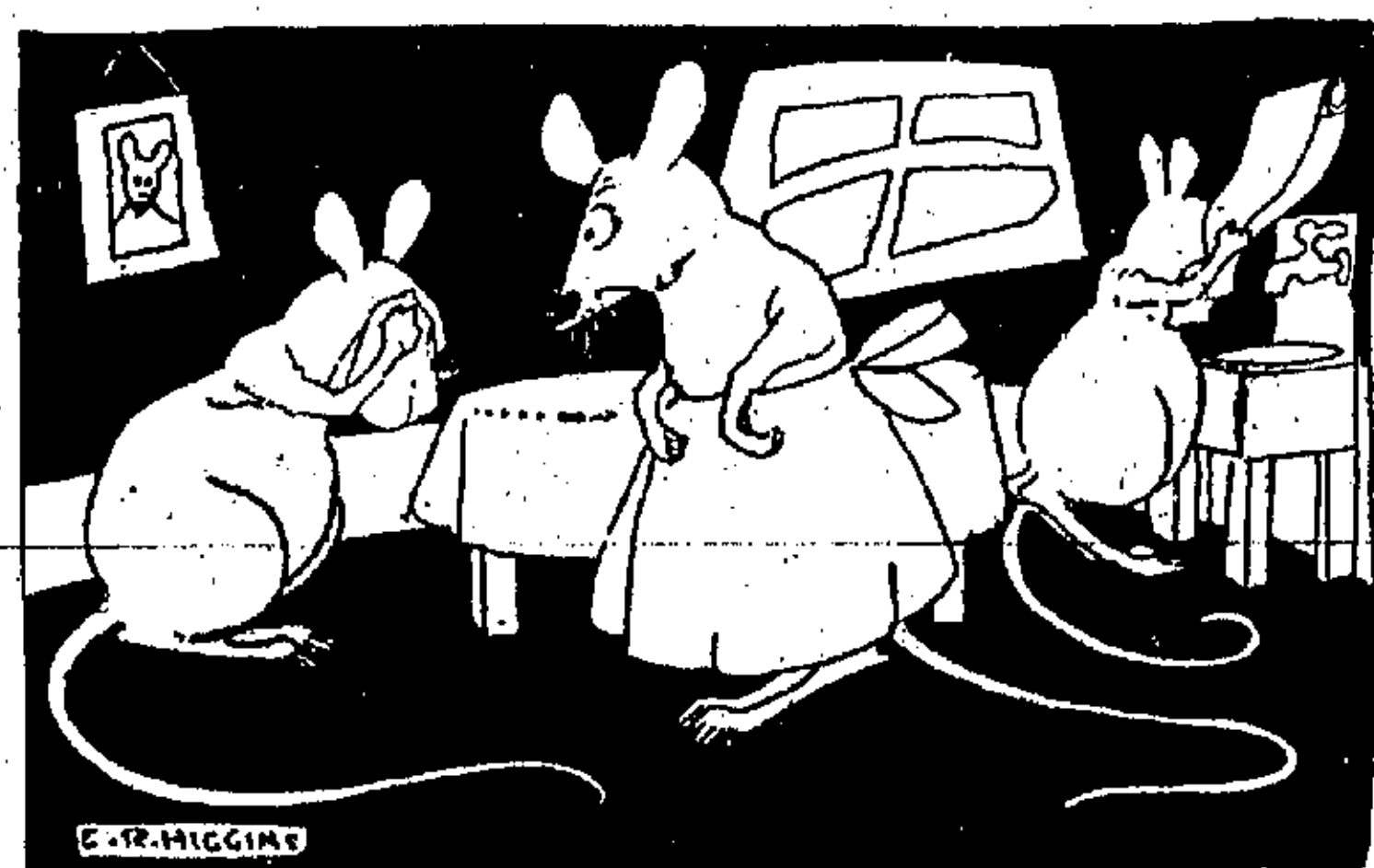
Lunch was partly on the table when Floppy Field-Mouse came creeping in from school. Mr. Munchie-Mouse was washing up at the sink and his wife was just helping out the soup.

Floppy was dreadfully hungry, because, as you know, he hadn't had a chance to sneak over to the corn-patch, for all he had slipped away under the schoolmaster's very nose. He and Muffy Mole had been fighting like sillies, and the time had flown. The noon bell had driven them home.

Floppy began to whimper, the only excuse he could think of for covering his swollen eye with his handkerchief.

"Poor dear!" Mrs. Mouse set down a plate of soup quickly and took him on her knee. "What's the matter with Mother's lovins'-dovins?"

Mr. Mouse dried his face and paws on the roller towel and didn't say a word. Flop, looking out of the tail of his good eye, noticed



Floppy began to whimper, covering his swollen eye with his handkerchief.

this uneasily. What he was after was double-barrelled sympathy. He could always count on his Mother. But something had missed fire somewhere with his Daddy.

"Hmf, hmf, hmf!" he snivelled. "That old Mr. Scribble-Scratch is so—so mean! How can I do problems about earthworms? And mosquito bites? And everything."

"Don't worry, darlin'," soothed Mrs. Mouse. "The old lessons don't matter. What did the schoolmaster say?"

Now perhaps Floppy didn't do it on purpose (I can't say for sure), but just at that minute he let the corner of the hanky slip down from his eye—the one Muffy Mole had punched—and Mrs. Mouse saw it.

"Munch," she shrieked, "come here and look at your son! That awful schoolmaster has— You march over there right away and attend to him!"

But Munchie just sat down calmly and began to eat his soup.

(To be continued to-morrow.)

## FOOTBALL.

## To-morrow's Programme.

The following is the programme of matches in the Hongkong League arranged for to-morrow.

**DIVISION I.**  
Hongkong Club v. Hongkong Police.—Club ground, and 4.30 p.m.  
H.M.S. Titania v. R.G.A.—Navy "A" ground, at 4.30 p.m.  
Wiltshires v. S.C.A.—Sookun-poo ground, at 4.30 p.m.  
Kowloon v. H.M.S. Ambrose.—S.O.A. ground, at 4.30 p.m.

**DIVISION II.**  
R.G.A. Reserves v. United.—St. Joseph's ground, at 3 p.m.  
Staff and Departments v. Kowloon Reserves.—Sookun-poo ground, at 3 p.m.  
H.K. Club Reserves v. S.O.A. Reserves.—Club ground, at 3 p.m.  
Officers United v. St. Joseph's College.—Navy "B" ground, at 4.30 p.m.

Indian Recreation Club v. 22nd Punjab's.—Navy "B" ground, at 3 p.m.  
The Carlisle Club de Recreio match is scratched.

The Club entertain the Police this week on the club ground, where a good game is expected. The last game between these teams ended in a goalless draw, and the Police will be out to improve on this result. The Club's weakest point at present is the back position, as, with Tonkin and Gerrard on the sick list, they will be hard pressed to turn out a representative side. Raiton and McPhail have played some good games at full back and probably one of them will occupy this position for the match in question and Raiton (one of three R's) who has played many a good game in the middle line filling the vacant position through one of them falling back. In view of the shield match next week the Club would do well to try and strengthen the defence before the match.

The Services meet on the Navy "A" ground, where one of the hardest games in the League should be seen. On paper, the sailors should win, for, comparing the form of those teams in recent matches, the R.G.A. managed to just get home from the Ambrose last week by 3 to 1, the Police beating the same team the previous week by 1 to nil and the latter team going down to the sailors last week by 6 to nil. The R. G. A. will try to maintain their position in the League and a fairly even game is expected.

The Wilts receive the Chinese at Sookun-poo and the local team will probably reverse the result of their last meeting with the soldiers when they went down by 3 goals to one on their own ground. The Chinese have improved since that match, while the Wilts have lost some good men. The Chinese will probably take the field without their regular Captain who was injured in the charity match, but they have some good reserves to draw upon. A fast game is expected.

Kowloon should beat the Ambrose on the S. C. A. ground. The last meeting between these teams ended in a draw of one all. The sailor, right wing turned out in the charity match in mid-week and gave a good account of them selves.

In the Junior division, the Leaders meet the United on St. Joseph's ground where a good game is expected, with the service team winning by weight.

A very fast game is expected between the Officers United and St. Joseph's, with the College boys coming out on top.

The game in mid-week between the top teams in the League was tame, neither side being fully represented, the match ending in a draw of one all.

Another good game should be seen at Sookun-poo between the staff and Kowloon Res. With the soldiers winning. The staff have got a fairly good team but they do not combine.

The Club and Chinese 2nd eleven meet on the Club ground and the latter team should win. The Indians should beat the Punjab's but not by a very great margin.

Club	P	W	L	D	Goals
Wiltshires	12	9	1	2	24
R.G.A.	12	8	2	2	23
H. K. Club	12	5	4	3	18
S. C. A.	11	4	3	4	11
Tamar	12	6	0	19	17
Kowloon	12	4	5	3	14
Titania	9	3	5	1	13
H. K. Police	11	2	7	2	22
Ambrose	11	1	9	1	30

## TEAMS.

The following will represent the Club against the Police:—  
G. Rodger; W. Gerrard; G. Lawrence; M. L. Raiton; G. Rodger; W. Ireland; J. B. Hamilton; H. McTavish; M. Sandberg; S. Begg; A. Boysen.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI against the South China "A":—J. Groot; A. K. McKenzie; A. Ross; A. McDonald; J. Stutz; S. F. Sorrensen; L. Goldenberg; E. Raiton; H. Day; J. P. Sherry; A. Ogilvie.

The following players will represent South China in their 1st Division match:—Lau Hing Cheung; Fung Tai; Chan So; Leung Yuk Tong; Leung Wing Sing; Ko Sik Wai; Ip Kan; Tai Fong; Cheung Weng Pak; Chung Kwok Po Kan; Au Kit Sang.

South China's 2nd Division team will be:—Hui Shing Yiu; Kwok Sin Yan; Tam Pong; Pang Kam Wing; Li Si Ying; Lau Pong Wing; So Chung Ming; Leung Wing Tak; Lau Yuk Tat; Chan Kwong Yiu; Lau Tak Chung.

The following will represent the United:—W. McLeod; J. Beach; D. D. Urquhart; J. Leonard; D. Laing; A. R. Simmons; J. Kent; P. Brown; G. T. May; C. H. Blake; G. Chubb; Reserve: W. Baker.

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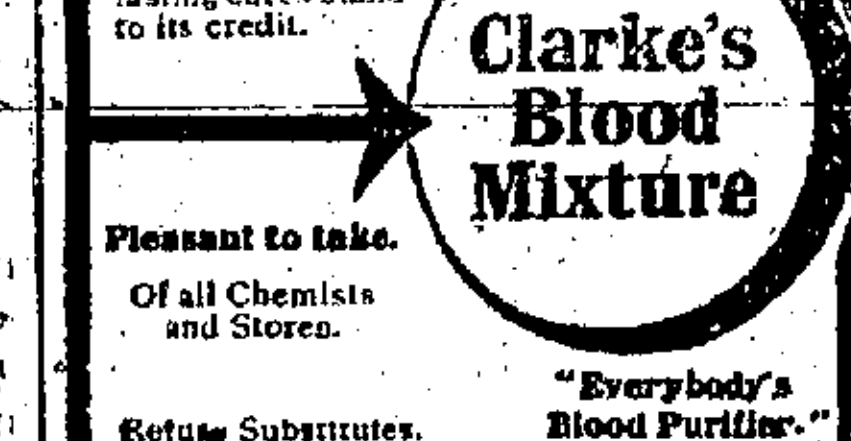
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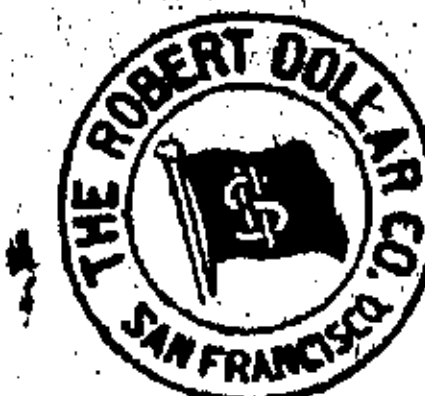
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STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
"GRACE DOLLAR"	FEB. 19TH.
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Sailings from Hongkong.	Sailing date	2nd March.	Calls at Boston.
"EURYPYLUS"	6th March.		
"KENTUCKY"	22nd March.		
"LAERTES"	19th April.		

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## SHIPPING TO EUROPE.

## SAILING DATES

Europe, U.S.A., etc.

Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 11
Lycaon	B. & S.	Feb. 11
Pilsna	D. & Co.	Feb. 11
Suwa M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 13
Takada	P. & O.	Feb. 13
K. Templar	B. & S.	Feb. 13
Teashima M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 13
Dunera	P. & O.	Feb. 15
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 15
Lancaster	S. & D.	Feb. 15
Eldridge	A. L.	Feb. 15
Changeha	B. & S.	Feb. 15
Victoria	C. A. Co.	Feb. 18
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	M. Feb.
Grace D.	R. D. Co.	Feb. 19
Anelund	J. C. J. L.	Feb. 21
Tjisodori	B. & S.	Feb. 21
Mentor	B. & S.	Feb. 22
Gaba	C. A. Co.	Feb. 22
Toucer	B. & S.	Feb. 23
Yokohama M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 24
China	C. M. Co.	Feb. 25
West Ivan	F. W. Co.	Feb. 25
Persia M.	T. K. K.	Feb. 26
Lahore	P. & O.	Feb. 27
Toyohashi M.	N. Y. K.	E. Feb.
Tarba	N. Y. K.	B. Mar.
Toiresias	B. & S.	Mar. 1
Kanagawa M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 1
Titan	B. & S.	Mar. 1
Eurypylus	B. & S.	Mar. 1
Glentara	J. M. Co.	Mar. 1
Eurypylus	B. & S.	Mar. 2
Kashgar	P. & O.	Mar. 4
Stentor	B. & S.	Mar. 4
Hungaria	D. & Co.	Mar. 6
Kentucky	B. L.	Mar. 6
Achilles	B. & S.	Mar. 6
Kentucky	B. L.	Mar. 6
Pawlet	A. L.	Mar. 7
Korea M.	T. K. K.	Mar. 7
Pawlet	A. L.	Mar. 7
Helenus	B. & S.	Mar. 8
Dilwara	P. & O.	Mar. 9
Fushimi M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 9
St. Albans	P. & O.	Mar. 9
Toyama M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 11
Anyo M.	T. K. K.	Mar. 12
W. Montana	A. L.	Mar. 12
Taiyuan	B. & S.	Mar. 16

## Japan, Coast Ports, Etc.

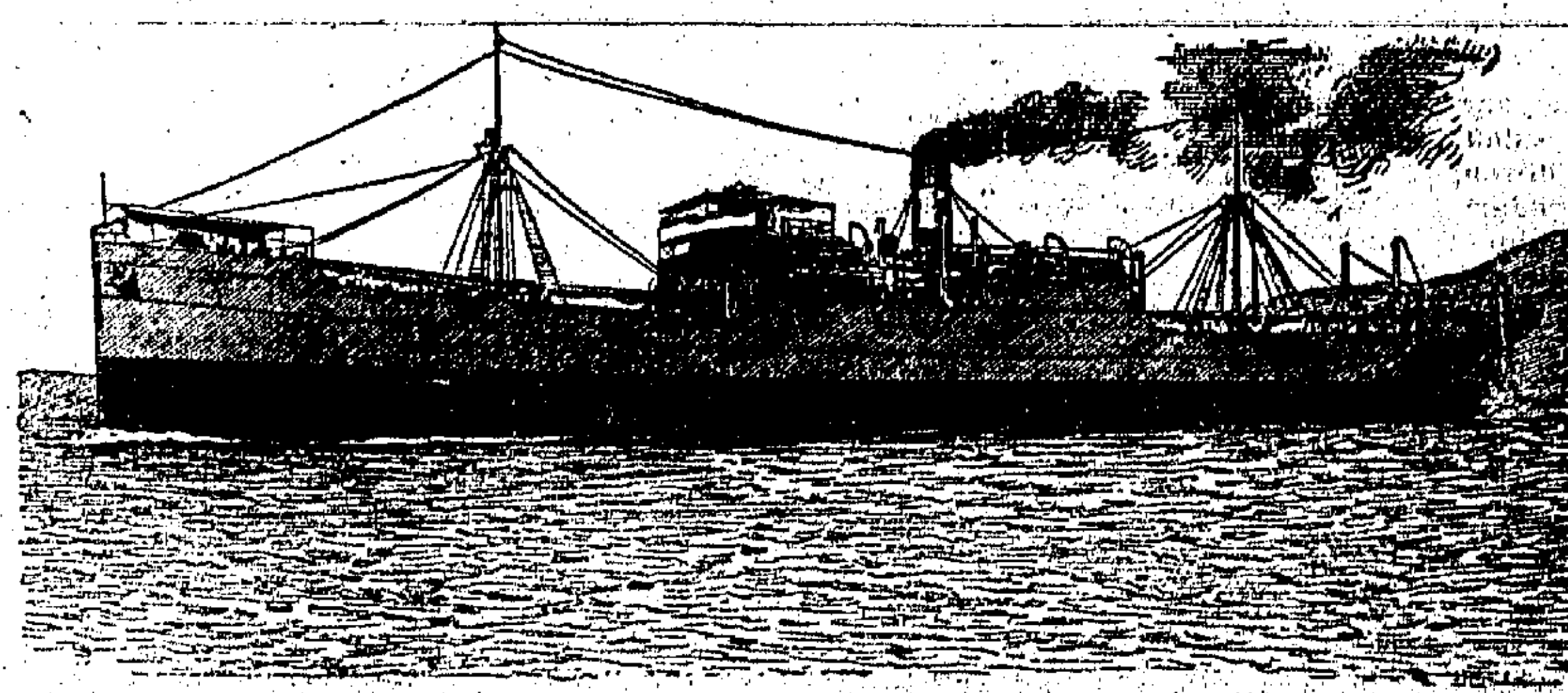
Yuensang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 11
Sunning	B. & S.	Feb. 11
Hunkaria	D. & Co.	Feb. 11
Waishong	J. M. Co.	Feb. 12
Haihong	D. L. Co.	Feb. 12
Yingchow	B. & S.	Feb. 12
Chipshing	J. M. Co.	Feb. 12
Kanchow	B. & S.	Feb. 12
Tjiatong	J. C. J. L.	Feb. 12
Chipshing	J. M. Co.	Feb. 12
Yatshing	J. M. Co.	Feb. 13
Kaifong	B. & S.	Feb. 13
Haiyang	J. C. J. L.	Feb. 14
Aipore	P. & O.	Feb. 14
Taming	B. & S.	Feb. 14
Kwaisang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 15
Taiwan M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 15
Tango M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 15
Shantung	B. & S.	Feb. 15
Kwangsang	B. & S.	Feb. 15
Luchow	B. & S.	Feb. 15
W. Henshaw	S. & D.	Feb. 15
Borneo M.	D. & Co.	Feb. 15
Wingsang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 15
Tientsin	B. & S.	Feb. 16
Linan	B. & S.	Feb. 16
Yamagata M.	J. M. Co.	Feb. 17
Loksang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 18
Sado M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 20
Childat	J. C. J. L.	Feb. 20
Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	Feb. 20
Tottori M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 21
Kashmir	P. & O.	Feb. 21
St. Albans	P. & O.	Feb. 21
Muroran M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 23
Samarang M.	D. & Co.	Mar. 12
Trieste	D. & Co.	Mar. 15

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S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
DUNERA	5,400	15 Feb. noon	S'pore, Colombo & B'way.
KASHGAR	9,000	4th Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp
DILWARA	5,400	9th Mar.	S'pore, Colombo & B'way.
ALIPORE	5,300	18th Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp.

**BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)**

TAKADA	7,000	13th Feb.	Calcutta via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
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**EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)**

KANOWNA	7,000	16th Feb.	Melbourne via Sandakan, Thurs day Island Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	9th Mar.	

**SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.**

ARRATOON A.	5,300	12 Feb. d'light	Shanghai & Kobe.
ALIPORE	9,000	13th Feb.	Shanghai & Japan.
KASHMIR	9,000	21st Feb.	Shanghai & Japan.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	21st Feb.	Shanghai & Japan.

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YOKOHAMA MARU Thursday, 24th Feb. at 11 a.m.

KLEIST MARU Friday, 4th Mar. at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG, AMSTERDAM, LONDON &amp; ROTTERDAM.

MITO MARU Middle of March.

LIVERPOOL &amp; MARSEILLES via Suez.

TAMBA MARU Beginning of March.

SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville &amp; Brisbane.

AKI MARU Tuesday, 15th Feb. at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU Tuesday, 22nd Mar. at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Suez.

AKITA MARU First half of March.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

KANAGAWA M. (Sailing from Singapore) Tuesday, 1st March.

BOMBAY &amp; COLOMBO via Singapore.

TSUSHIMA MARU Tuesday, 15th February.

CALCUTTA &amp; RANGOON via Singapore &amp; Penang.

YAMAGATA MARU Thursday, 17th February.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe &amp; Yokohama.

TANGO MARU Tuesday, 15th Feb. at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.

TAIAN MARU Tuesday, 15th February.

SADO MARU Sunday, 23rd February, at 11 a.m.

TOTORI MARU Monday, 21st February.

MURORAN MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.

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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Haliyang	Java	in port	14th Feb.	Java
Tjlsalak	Java	in port	12th Feb.	Shanghai
Tjilwong	Java	15th Feb.	20th Feb.	Java
Childar	Java	15th Feb.	21st Feb.	Amoy, S'hai.
Tjikini	Java	15th Feb.	22nd Feb.	Japan
Tjileboet	Java	18th Feb.		

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S.S. "BORNEO M." Sailing on or about 15th Feb.

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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
TIENSIN via Weihaiwei and Chefoo	Chipsing	Sat., 12th Feb. at d'light.
SHANGHAI	Walshing	Sat., 12th Feb. at d'light.
MANILA	Yuensang	Sat., 12th Feb. at 3 p.m.
KOBE	Yatsing	Sun., 13th Feb. at d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kwaisang	Tues., 15th Feb. at 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Wingsang	Tues., 15th Feb. at d'light.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Loksang		Fri., 18th Feb. at 9 a.m.

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**(CALCUTTA LINE.**

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For	Steamers	To Sail
BANGKOK	Kanchow	12th Feb. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Yingchow	12th Feb. at 4 p.m.
PAKHAI & HAIPHONG	Katong	13th Feb. at 9 a.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	14th Feb. at 3 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Luchow	15th Feb. at 9 a.m.
AMOI, SHAI & PUKOW	Shantung	15th Feb. at noon.
TIENSIN	Kwangse	15th Feb. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHAI & TTAO	Tientsin	16th Feb. at d'light.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Linan	16th Feb. at 10 a.m.

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**MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.**

The A. L. s.s. **ELDRIDGE**, is due to arrive here from Seattle, Wash. via ports on or about February 26th.

The s.s. **KEEMUN**, (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 27th Jan. for Hongkong and is due here on 20th inst.

The B. L. s.s. **SATSUMA**, is due to arrive here from New York via ports on or about Feb. 15th. The Admiral Line, Agents.

The N. Y. K. s.s. **YEBOSHI M.** (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 1st February, and is expected here on the 21st Feb.

The N. Y. K. s.s. **KITANO M.** (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 22nd January and is expected here on the 2nd March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. **TANGO M.** (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 3rd February and is expected here on the 14th February.

The R. M. S. **MONTEAGLE**, from Hongkong on the 7th Jan. arrived at Vancouver on the 1st February.

The R. M. S. **EMPRESS OF JAPAN**, arrived at Yokohama, on 3rd Feb. left there 4th Feb. and is due at Vancouver on 15th February.

The N. Y. K. s.s. **TSUSHIMA M.** (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji, on the 6th Feb. and is expected here on the 13th Feb.

The N. Y. K. s.s. **TAIAN M.** (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 5th February, and is expected here on the 14th Feb.

The s.s. **LYCAON**, (Blue Funnel Line) left Kobe on 5th inst. for Liverpool via Marseilles via Hongkong. Vessel is due here on or about 9th inst. and will sail, as above, on 11th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. **MUROREN MARU**, (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Singapore on the 7th Feb. and is expected here on the 22nd Feb.

The **ARRATOON APCAR** is expected to arrive here on the 12th inst.

s.s. **TELAMON** (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 4th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 28th inst.

s.s. **AJAX** (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 3rd inst. for Hongkong via Manila.

s.s. **EGREMONT CASTLE** left Honolulu, on the 1st February and is due to arrive here about 13th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. **TSUSHIMA M.** (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 9th Feb. and is expected here on the 14th Feb.

The B. L. & Apar Line, s.s. **TAKADA**, left Moji for this Port on the 9th inst. and is due here on the 13th instant at about afternoon.

**UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.**

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The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying here:—

Loolon Nenghoan, from Amoy.

Joelchonging, from Yokohama.

Kyoko, from Osaka.

Charles Hubbard, from Kobe.

0022, 3883, 2827, 5251, 5280, 0337, 5281, from Amoy.

De La Rue Passenger Delta, from Shanghai.

Paramore, s.s. Hwahtih, c/o Grubb &amp; Co. from Shanghai.

Hopshing, Subong Street, from Shanghai.

Changyick Tungyok, from Shanghai.

Takata, from Hakodate.

3381, 2052, from Shanghai.

Fivestar, from Shan-hai.

Wingmowtai, from Dairan.

3843, 0735, 3152, 5837, 5069, 1696, from Shanghai.

Wingcheong, from Kobe.

Hardeman, Hongkong Hotel, from Osaka.

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THE COLONY IN  
EARLIER DAYS.

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They accordingly did so, and all the officers, engineers, and other Europeans were confined in the state-room, watched by a guard with drawn cutlasses. One of the passengers, a man named Petersen, a lighthouse-keeper in Chinese Customs service, being unwell and on deck when the first rush was made by the pirates, was one of the first victims, four bullet wounds being found in the head of the dead man. How systematically the attack had been planned was seen in the fact that the pirates were able to at once secure charge of the ship. They compelled the firemen to take charge of the engines, while the crew were made to carry out such work as the pirates wished done. Of three native quartermasters one was hit by a bullet and thrown overboard, the other two being also seriously wounded, while two Chinese cooks were also fired at.

THE PASSENGERS' PROPERTY  
RANSACKED.

The ship was taken out to sea for some distance and the pirates applied themselves to the work of looting. There was a treasure on board in the way of cargo, so the pirates ransacked all the luggage, obtaining property to the value of some \$50,000, which was transferred to six banks. These had evidently been waiting by arrangement. After regaling themselves with a feast on the Namoa's deck, the pirates made preparations for leaving the vessel. The ship's lights were thrown overboard, the firemen were ordered to draw the fires and open the safety-valve so as to blow off the steam, the windlass was disabled, and generally everything was done that could delay the ship in getting away. Before quitting the ship the pirates threw a bag containing \$200 into the engine-room as a "good-bye" to the firemen.

**THE IRVING'S EXPLANATION.**  
A day while after the pirates had gone the officers got out of the state-room and the ship was then in readiness as quickly as possible for returning to Hong Kong. At 8 o'clock next morning the dread news caused the great consternation, and immediately the authorities were on the alert, the Navy doing what it could and the Chinese authorities notified of the occurrence.

On December 12 one of the quartermasters, a Malay, died in the state-room, making four deaths. In the meantime the police had been working with their inquiries and two arrests were made, but the evidence was insufficient.

The Chinese authorities, however, held hold of a batch of the perpetrators, and on April 17, 1897, there was a wholesale execution at Kowloon City, when thirteen pirates, thirteen of whom were decapitated. A few weeks later a further group suffered the same fate. Thus was eradicated a crime reminiscent of the conditions prevailing when Britishers took possession of the island.

## WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

A woman, who was sued by another woman at Southwark County Court—It is always been a rope round my neck.  
A Willesden witness with two black eyes gave his name as Basham.  
"I will tell nothing about the truth,"—A woman taking the oath at Bow County Court.  
A judgment del'or wrote to the Shoreditch County Court that he was suffering from "bronchitis, asthma, heart disease, and impotency."

A cyclist at Kingston—I had no guilty knowledge that the lamp was out.  
A solicitor at Westminster County Court—It should be remembered that my client is a foreigner. Judge Sir Alfred Tobin—My experience is that foreigners are quite as 'cute as English people.

Mr. Thomas Lumsden, for seventeen years general relieving officer for the Leeds area, states that in his experience 90 per cent. of the runaway husbands have a wife.

A conductor at Stratford-on-Avon was not properly drunk.  
A magistrate—What is "properly drunk?" The conductor—When

## POST OFFICE.

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## INWARD MAILS.

Saigon—PEI HO, 12th Feb.  
Manila and Australia—Per VICTORIA, 12th Feb.  
Shanghai—Per DUNERA, 13th Feb.

Japan—Per TAKADA, 13th Feb.  
London 13th Jan.—Per ALPS MARU, 13th Feb.

Shanghai—Per TIEN TSIEN 14th Feb.  
Straits—Per TAIAN M. 14th Feb.  
Manila, Australia and New Zealand—Per TANGO M., 14th Feb.

Japan—Per TSUSHIMA M., 14th Feb.

Japan—Per KANOWNA, 14th Feb.

Japan—Per AKI MARU, 14th Feb.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

## To-morrow.

Fort Bayard—Per SHUNSHING, 9 a.m.

Japan—Per YATSHING, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per CHUNG HING, 5 p.m.

Hoihow—Per YUE YING WA, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe—Per ARRATOON, 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per YUEN SANG, 3 p.m.

Philippine Is., Straits, Bangkok, Egypt & Europe via L.—Per KNIGHT TEM, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Takao—Per SOSHU M., 9 a.m.

Bangkok—Per KANCHOW, 2 p.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per YING CHOW, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 1 p.m.

Philippine Is., Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Canada, United States, Central & S. America & Europe via Victoria—Per SUWA M., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

## Sunday, 13th Feb.

Swatow, Amoy and Keelung—Per AMAKUSA M., 9 a.m.

Pakhoi, Pakhoi & Haiphong—Per KAIKONG, 8 a.m.

## Monday, 14th Feb.

Shanghai and N. China—Per TJILIWONG, 11 a.m.

Java Port via Batavia—Per HAIYANG, 11 a.m.

## Tuesday, 15th Feb.

Straits, Bangkok & Calcutta—Per KWAI SANG, 1 p.m.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 2 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Takao—Per SOSHU M., 9 a.m.

Swatow & Bangkok—Per LUCHOW, 8 a.m.

Tien Tsin—Per KWANGSE, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Shanghai & N. China—Per TIEN TSIEN, 5 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Hongkong—Per YOKO-AMA MARU, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

## Wednesday, 16th Feb.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAILOONG, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Is.—Per CHANG-THA, Reg. 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.

Swatow, Straits & Bangkok—Per LINAN, 9 a.m.

## Sunday 20th Feb.

Shanghai, North China & Japan—Per SADO M., 9 a.m.

Japan—Per AKI MARU, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

## Wednesday, 23rd Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Hongkong—Per YOKO-AMA MARU, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Thursday, 24th Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Hongkong—Per YOKO-AMA MARU, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Friday, 25th Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Hongkong—Per YOKO-AMA MARU, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Saturday, 26th Feb.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Hongkong—Per YOKO-AMA MARU, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

## EXCHANGE.

(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11).

## SELLING.

T/T Demand	2/5 1/2
30 d/s	2/5 1/2
60 d/s	2/5 1/2
4 m/s	2/6
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	108
T/T Japan	97
T/T India	173 1/4
Demand, India	173 1/4
T/T San Francisco & New York	48
T/T Java	136
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	6.70
Demand, Paris	—

## BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	2/7 1/2
4 m/s. D/P	2/7 1/2
6 m/s. L/C	2/8
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	2/9 1/2
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	50 1/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	7.30
6 m/s. France	7.50
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	48 1/4
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	173 1/4
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	173 1/4
On Yokohama	97
Demand, Manila	108 1/4
Demand, Singapore	106
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	—
On Bangkok	85 1/4
Sovereign	Nom. 7.85
Gold leaf per Tael	50
Bar Silver, ready	36 1/4
forward	34 3/4
Bank of England rates	7%
New York/London	3.88 1/4

## SUBSIDIARY COINS.

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10 "	1/5 dis.
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Hongkong Feb. 11, 1921.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Feb. 11d. 12h. 11m.—Pressure has increased moderately over S.W. China and slightly over Luzon. It has decreased moderately from Weihaiwei to central Japan.

The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific, and another has formed over China.

The monsoon will freshen along the east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.23 inches, against an average of 2.09 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. & N. winds, moderate to fresh; fine, colder.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamcocks	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan	The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H.K. Observatory, Feb. 11, 1921.

## TIME SIGNALS.

The time ball on Kowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. only.

The ball is hoisted half mast at the 55th minute and full mast at the 57th minute. Should the ball fail to drop at the correct time, it will be lowered at five minutes past the hour and the ordinary routine repeated at the following hour, if possible.

Should the time ball be out of order the above routine will be carried out with the flag "Z", on the storm signal mast.

Time signals are also given at night by means of three white lamps mounted vertically on the Observatory wireless mast. From 8h. 55m. On to 9h. 0m. On p.m. the lamps are extinguished momentarily at the even seconds, except at the 2nd, 28th, 50th, 52nd, and 54th of each minute.

The hours refer to Hongkong Standard Time (8 hours of east Greenwich).

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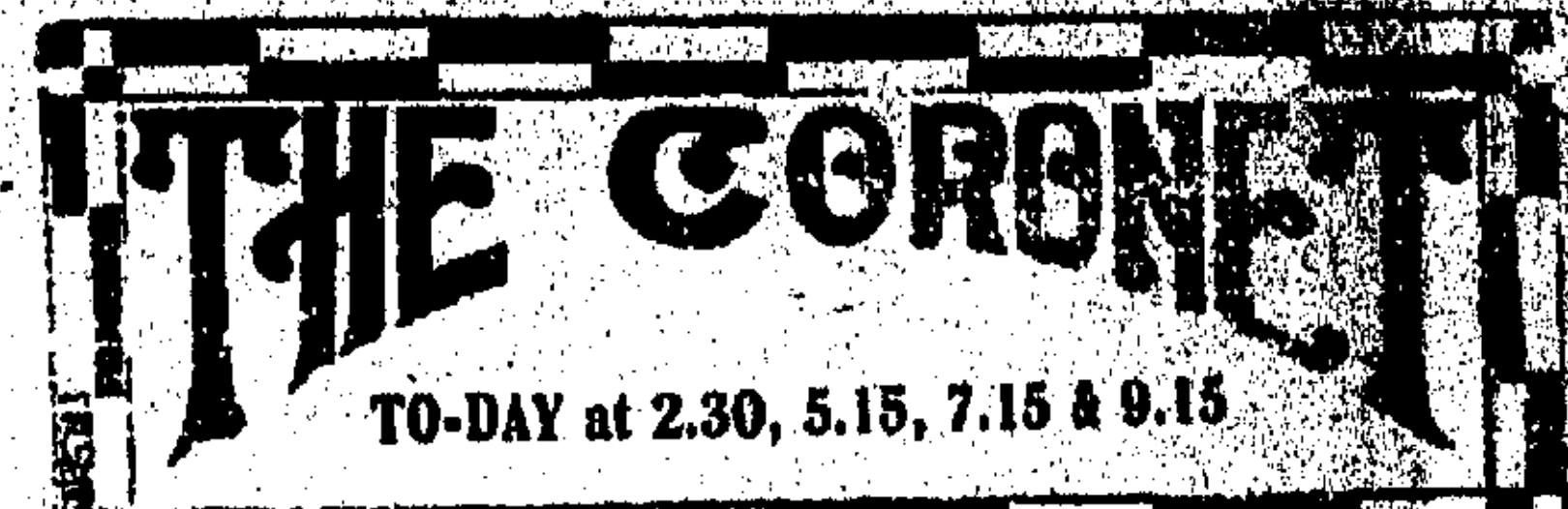
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## METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day	on date	on date
Barometer	30.01	30.06 30.04
Temperature	62	57 65
Humidity	71	89 65
Wind Direction	E. N.E.	W. N.W.
Wind Force	3	1 1
Weather	o	o o
Rain	0.00	0.00
Highest open air	Temperature on the 10th	63
Lowest open air	Temperature on the 11th	57
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.	H.K. Observatory, Feb. 11	

TO-DAY'S SHARE  
QUOTATIONS.

## OFFICIAL PRICES.

## Banks.

H.K. & S. Bank	b. & sa.	785
East Asia	b.	116 1/2

## Marine Insurances.

Cantons	b.	406
North China	b.	153
Unions	b. & sa.	335
Yangtzes	n.	23
Far Eastern	n.	20

## Fire Insurances.

China Fire	b.	125
H. K. Fire	b.	318

## Shipping.

Douglases	b.	64
H.K. Steamboats	b.	23 1/2
Indos (Pref.)	b.	25
Indo Def. Lon/Reg.	b.	215
Indo Def. H.K. Reg.	b.	195
Shells	b.	100/-
Ferries	b.	28 1/2

## Refineries.

Sugars	b.	264
Malabona	b.	62

## Mining.

Kailans	s.	92 6
Langkate	b.	14 1/2
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Shai Explorations	b.	75 cts.

Tronohs	b.	16/-
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Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	b. 86 sa.	86 1/2
H.K. Wharves	b.	172
K. Docks	b.	120
Shai Docks	b.	27

N. Engineerings	b.	27
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Land, Hotels & Buildings.	b.	112 1/2
Centrals	n.	188

H.K. Hotels	b.	118 sa.
H.K. Lands	b.	119
H. K. P. Lands	b.	8 00
K'loon Lands	n. ex div.	36 1/2
L. Reclamation	s.	133